

GADGETS WELCOME

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airline passengers will be able to use their electronic devices gate-to-gate to read, work, play games, watch movies and listen to music — but not talk on their cell-phones — under much-anticipated guidelines issued Thursday by the Federal Aviation Administration.



FAA's Michael Huerta announces new safety rules, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013, at Washington's Ronald Reagan National Airport.

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

But passengers shouldn't expect changes to happen right away, FAA Administrator Michael Huerta said at a news conference. How fast the change is implemented will vary by airline, he said.

Airlines will have to show the FAA how their airplanes meet the new guidelines and that they've updated their flight-crew training manuals, safety announcements and rules for stowing devices to reflect the new guidelines. Delta and Jet-Blue said they would immediately submit plans to implement the new policy. Currently, passengers are required to turn off their smartphones, tablets and other devices once a plane's door closes.

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Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) is sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden as his mother, Carolyn Booker, holds the Bible in the Old Senate Chamber on Capitol Hill in Washington, Oct. 31, 2013. Booker, who gained celebrity as the mayor of Newark, N.J., was sworn into the Senate on Thursday, the first African-American to be elected the chamber since Barack Obama in 2004.

(Gabriella Demczuk/The New York Times)

Cory Booker is sworn in as US senator

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WASHINGTON - Cory A. Booker, who gained celebrity as a danger-dodging, super-tweeting mayor of Newark, was sworn in as New Jersey's junior U.S. senator on Thursday, the first African-American to be elected to the chamber since Barack Obama in 2004.

Booker's arrival in Washington did not come with the same political portent rendered by another high-profile senator who arrived here via a special election - Scott Brown, R-Mass., whose 2010 victory signaled the ensuing power of the Tea Party move-

ment, cost Democrats a 60-vote supermajority and placed a Republican in the seat held for nearly half a century by Edward M. Kennedy. (Brown lost the seat to Elizabeth Warren in 2012, thus ending his swing-vote-laden tenure.)

But Booker was met with a fair amount of attention from his fellow Democrats, whose excitement seemed to stem less from the fact that, after Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg died in June, their party retained the seat as expected - but rather at his significant national star wattage and the fundraising potential it may bring. He joins Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, who was

appointed by Gov. Nikki Haley this year to replace Jim DeMint, who retired, as one of only two black senators.

Booker began his day, he said, with his mother, Carolyn Booker, in the office of Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., the civil rights leader. "It was really emotional and moving," he said.

Booker then repaired to a photo opportunity before three American flags with the Senate majority leader, Harry Reid of Nevada, and Carolyn Booker.

The three entered the camera-packed tiny ceremonial office off the Senate chamber through a door flanked by oil-paint

portraits of Presidents John F. Kennedy and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Reid declined to take questions, and his newest acolyte kept silent.

Just before noon, Booker greeted his new colleagues. Scott was the first Republican to come into the chamber, and sat smiling at his desk before greeting Booker. Vice President Joe Biden then administered the brief oath before welcoming him, as those gathered applauded.

It will be up to Booker to determine the sort of public swath he wishes to cut in Congress.

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Iraq PM calls on US to help fight terror

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WASHINGTON - Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Thursday that Iraq once again faced a terrorist threat and that additional U.S. weapons and intelligence were needed to roll it back.

"We shed blood together," al-Maliki said, referring to the nearly nine-year Iraq war. "We want an international war, a global war against terror," he added.

In an animated speech at the U.S. Institute for Peace, the prime minister attributed the rise of al-Qaida in Iraq to chaos in neighboring Syria and the collapse of state structures as a result of the Arab Spring uprisings in 2011.



Iraqi policemen work at a checkpoint in central Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013. Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Thursday that Iraq once again faced a terrorist threat and that additional U.S. weapons and intelligence were needed to roll it back.

(AP Photo/Karim Kadim)

Many critics, including prominent U.S. lawmakers, have said that al-Maliki shares much of the blame for the renewed violence, asserting that his failure to share power with the Sunni minority has provided a

fertile ground for appeals from al-Qaida. But al-Maliki did not acknowledge that political tensions in Iraq or that his own often authoritarian governing style had contributed to the problem.

AROUND THE WORLD

Snowden gets tech support job in Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — Anatoly Kucherena, a lawyer for former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden, says his client has found a technical support job at a Russian website. Kucherena told the RIA Novosti news agency Thursday that Snowden starts his new job on Friday. Kucherena declined to name the company that has hired Snowden but says it's a major Russian website. Snowden was granted asylum in Russia in August after being stuck at a Moscow airport for more than a month after flying there from Hong Kong. His whereabouts in Russia remain secret. The 30-year-old faces espionage charges in the U.S. for uncovering the NSA's mass surveillance scheme.

France's presidential chef says goodbye

PARIS (AP) — France's presidential chef is retiring after four decades of culinary service, having fed five French presidents and peppered the steaks tartare of some of the world's most powerful leaders. Bernard Vaussion, 60, was filled with emotion while cooking his last lunch for the President Francois Hollande on Thursday at the Elysee Palace. The farewell meal included raspberry millefeuille, a rich pastry. Hollande has a well-known sweet tooth and has been mocked for his portly figure. "It's easy to work with Francois Hollande. There are not many things that he doesn't like."

UK police arrest 4 people in terror probe

LONDON (AP) — British police have arrested four people in an investigation of U.K. citizens suspected of attending terrorism training camps in Syria. Metropolitan Police say two men and a woman were arrested Thursday morning in East London. Another man was arrested in Lancashire in northwest England, and all four — who are between the ages of 21 and 31 — are being questioned by police. Police said the four were arrested on suspicion of "failing to disclose information which might be of assistance in securing the apprehension, prosecution or conviction of a person involved in an act of terrorism."

EU condemns new Israel settlement plan

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union's top diplomat has denounced Israel's plan to build more than 1,500 homes in Jewish settlements in east Jerusalem and the West Bank. She calls the move illegal and a potential obstacle to peace. Catherine Ashton, the European Union's high representative for foreign affairs and security policy, says the EU "deplores" the Israeli plan and says it violates international law. Ashton said in a statement Thursday that "any actions that could hamper or undermine the on-going negotiations must be avoided."

Air France-KLM sees profit slide near 50%

PARIS (AP) — Weak demand in a poor economy and stiff competition pushed Air France-KLM's net profit down more than 50 percent in the third quarter, the Franco-Dutch airline said Thursday. The company is in the midst of a three-year turnaround plan that it hopes will make it more competitive by paying down debt and reducing staff costs. It initially said it would cut 5,000 jobs, but announced last month that it would need to eliminate 2,800 more to stay on track. Like many airlines, the company, which posted a billion-euro loss last year, is struggling as a weak economy in Europe has hurt demand for medium-haul flights and cargo hauling. Net profit for the July-to-September period was \$198 million, down 51 percent.

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Cory Booker is sworn in as US senator

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Will he seek to emulate other politicians - like Hillary Rodham Clinton, Al Franken and Warren - who entered the Senate already famous and generally kept low profiles and avoided the news media, focusing instead on legislation?

Or perhaps Booker will take his cues from newcomers like the Republicans Ted Cruz of Texas and Rand Paul of Kentucky, who although not as well known when they entered the Senate have used their new platforms to establish themselves in short order as national figures, drawing criticism from colleagues for ignoring Senate protocol.

Booker said he had been advised to "be humble, learn as much as you can," and, further, "don't let the Senate change you - try to

change the Senate." Colleagues from both sides of the aisle pledged to work with him, he said, moments before Republicans filibustered two nominees



From left: Rep. Donald Payne Jr. (D-N.J.), Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) following Booker's swearing-in ceremony in the Old Senate Chamber on Capitol Hill in Washington, Oct. 31, 2013.

(Gabiella Demczuk/The New York Times)

appointed by President Barack Obama.

After he was sworn in, the Senate moved on to other business.

Booker stood in the well

for the first roll call vote of his Senate career - a procedural motion on one of the troubled nominations - and appeared astonished and mildly afraid when his

name was called.

He then went to the Old Senate Chamber for a ceremonial swearing in, and jokingly asked Biden for a room at the Naval Obser-

vatory while he looks for a place to live.

Booker visited with Obama at the White House on Thursday afternoon, a rare treat for a freshman senator. □

Court blocks ruling on NY police tactic on stops

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal appeals court on Thursday blocked a judge's order

requiring changes to a New York Police Department stop-and-search tactic that has been widely criticized

by rights advocates as targeting black and Hispanic men. The stops reached an all-time high in

2011 of 684,330.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals also took the unusual step of removing Judge Shira Scheindlin from the case, saying interviews she gave during the trial responding to criticism of the court called her impartiality into question. Scheindlin ruled in August that the city violated the Constitution in the way it carried out its program of stopping and questioning people. She ruled that police in America's largest city violated the civil rights of tens of thousands of people by wrongly targeting black and Hispanic men. The issue has attracted national interest. Students at Brown University in Rhode Island this week shouted down Police Commissioner Ray Kelly when he tried to give a speech about the

so-called stop-and-frisk practice there. Scheindlin also appointed an outside monitor to oversee major changes and ordered a pilot program to test body-worn cameras in some areas where most stops occur. She noted she wasn't ending the practice, which is constitutional, but was reforming the way the NYPD implemented its stops. The city appealed her findings and her orders to change the program. The appeals court said her rulings will be stayed pending the outcome of the city's appeal. Scheindlin said Thursday she didn't comment on the program inappropriately. The front-runner in next week's mayoral election, Democratic candidate Bill de Blasio, said he was "extremely disappointed" in Thursday's decision. □



Police stop and question a man in the Brownsville neighborhood of the Brooklyn borough of New York. A federal appeals court on Thursday blocked a judge's order requiring changes to a New York Police Department stop-and-search tactics.

(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

1 year after Sandy, NYC marathoners ready to run

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NEW YORK (AP) — The New York City Marathon is hoping to make a triumphant comeback this weekend after Superstorm Sandy forced its cancellation last year.

Security will be heightened following the deadly bombing at the Boston Marathon in April.

The finish line in Central Park has become perhaps the biggest worry after two homemade bombs exploded near the finish line in Boston, killing three people and injuring more than 260.

New York for the first time is fencing off part of the western perimeter of the park for the race. Spectators will have to pass through security checkpoints to enter that area.

The race has long been an international event. Many of the estimated 45,000 runners are from overseas. "I'm not going to stop running the marathon because somebody thought it was a good idea to blow up a couple of bombs



VIPs and officials, including Mary Wittenberg, New York Road Runners President and CEO, fifth from left, and Thomas Grilk, Executive Director of the Boston Athletic Association, sixth from left, participate in the ceremonial painting of the course line at the finish of the NYC Marathon in New York. The yellow color being painted by Grilk is associated with the Boston Marathon and is being included at the NYC Marathon to honor victims and first responders of the 2013 Boston marathon bombings. The NYC Marathon is scheduled to be run on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

in Boston," said 50-year-old runner Dave Kleckner. "I don't intend to run scared."

Sandy forced Kleckner and his family out of their Manhattan apartment building,

but he was still preparing to run the marathon when it was abruptly canceled just days before it was to start.

A few months later, he ran the Boston Marathon and finished before the bombs

went off.

After the 2012 New York race was called off, runners had the option of taking refunds or accepting guaranteed slots in the 2013, 2014 and 2015 mara-

thons. Of last year's 60,000 registered runners, 21,000 decided to take the guaranteed slots and 30,000 took the refunds.

But for some athletes, it was still a bit too soon to return to New York.

Irish runner Stephen Toal flew into the city last year determined to cap off his personal goal: running the London, Berlin and New York marathons before he turned 50. But he said when he saw photographs of the "utter devastation" from the storm, he understood why the race was canceled.

A few months later, Toal ran Boston, where the sound of the bombs going off reminded him of the sectarian violence he had lived through in Northern Ireland years ago.

He says he'll return to New York to run next year.

"I didn't think this year would be a good year to run it because it would be the anniversary of so many things," Toal said. "Including those that died, those that are probably struggling in terms of, maybe, homes, jobs, livelihoods." □

Senate: Limited surveillance rollbacks ok

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WASHINGTON (AP)

— Leaders of a Senate panel that oversees U.S. intelligence issues said Thursday it has approved a plan to scale back how many American telephone records the National Security Agency can sweep up. But critics of U.S. surveillance programs and privacy rights experts said the bill does little, if anything, to end the daily collection of millions of records that has spurred widespread demands for reform.

Legislation by the Senate Intelligence Committee, which was approved by an 11-4 vote, would increase congressional and judicial oversight of intelligence activities. It also would create 10-year prison sentences for people who ac-

cess the classified material without authorization, according to a statement released by committee chairwoman Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, and Sen. Saxby Chambliss, the panel's top Republican.

Just how far it would scale back the bulk collection of Americans' telephone records was unclear. The statement said the plan would ban bulk collection of records "under specific procedures and restrictions." Spokespeople for Feinstein and Chambliss did not immediately return email or phone calls seeking clarity.

"The threats we face — from terrorism, proliferation and cyberattack, among others — are real, and they will continue," Feinstein said in the statement. □

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Obama pitches the US to foreign investors

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is casting himself as America's business pitchman. Facing a sluggish economy, Obama on Thursday announced an expanded government role to draw foreign companies to the United States, arguing that the American workforce, cheaper energy costs and an improving economy make the U.S. an attractive home for investments. "Officials at the highest levels, up to and including me, are going to do even more to make the case for investing in America," Obama told a summit of investors, business CEOs and state and local officials. The administration's goal is

to attract \$1 trillion in new foreign investments in manufacturing or other business over the next five years. The push comes as such investments in the U.S. have been slipping. The U.S. saw a peak in 2000 when those kinds of investments reached \$321 billion, then after falling they rose to \$310 billion in 2008. Last year the inflow was \$166 billion, 28 percent lower than in 2011. Obama said the goal is to make that outreach more efficient, making better use of the federal government to promote the U.S. overseas, a job that had previously been left primarily to states and cities, which had to compete against foreign countries to attract foreign investors.



President Barack Obama, center, first lady Michelle Obama and her mother Marian Robinson, far left, hand out Halloween treats as they welcome local children and children of military families to 'trick-or-treat' on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013. The White House canceled its Halloween celebration last year in aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.
(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

Driver cited for wearing Google Glass

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The California woman cited for wearing Internet-connected eyeglasses while driving says she expects to contest the citation. Cecilia Abadie was pulled over for speeding Tuesday in San Diego, when a California Highway Patrol officer noticed she was wearing Google Glass and added a citation usually given to drivers who may be distracted by a video or

TV screen. The eyeglasses, which are not yet widely available to the public, feature a hidden computer and a thumbnail-size transparent display screen above the right eye. Users can scan maps for directions — as well as receive web search results, read email and engage in video chats — without reaching for a smartphone. Abadie, a software developer, told The Associated Press that she was not using

her Google Glass when she was pulled over. It's unclear whether a citation for Google Glass has been issued before. Abadie said she is surprised that wearing the glasses would be illegal and that she's "pretty sure" she will fight the ticket. "The law is not clear, the laws are very outdated," Abadie said, suggesting that navigating with the device could be less distracting than with a GPS unit or phone.

FAA OKs air passengers using gadgets on planes

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They're not supposed to restart them until the planes reach 10,000 feet and the captain gives the go-ahead. Passengers are supposed to turn their devices off again as the plane descends to land and not restart them until the plane is on the ground. Under the new guidelines, airlines whose planes are properly protected from electronic interference may allow passengers to use the devices during takeoffs, landings and taxiing, the FAA said. Most new airliners and other planes that have been modified so that passengers can use Wifi at higher altitudes are expected to meet the criteria.

But connecting to the In-



A passenger check his cell phone while boarding a flight, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013, in Boston. The Federal Aviation Administration issued new guidelines Thursday, under which passengers will be able to use devices to read, work, play games, watch movies and listen to music, from the time they board to the time they leave the plane.

(AP Photo/Matt Slocum)

ternet to surf, exchange emails, text or download data will still be prohibited below 10,000 feet (3,000 meters).

Passengers will be told to switch their devices to airplane mode. That means no Words With Friends, the online Scrabble-type game that actor Alec Baldwin was playing on his smartphone in 2011 when he was famously booted off an American Airlines jet for refusing to turn off the device while the plane was parked at the gate. Heavier devices such as laptops will continue to have to be stowed because of concern they might injure someone if they go flying around the cabin.

Airline passenger Ketan Patel, 24, said he's pleased with the change and happy that regulators have debunked the idea that the devices pose a safety problem. "If it isn't a problem, it should be allowed," he said as he stepped into a security line at Reagan National Airport near Washington, a smartphone in his hand.

Another passenger entering the same line, insurance marketing manager Melinda Neuman, 28, was disappointed that she still won't be able to text.

"If you can't download data, what's the point?" she said.

"I don't power it off all the time, anyway."

In-flight cellphone calls will continue to be prohibited. Regulatory authority over phone calls belongs to the Federal Communications Commission, not the FAA. The commission prohibits the calls because of concern that phones on planes flying at hundreds of miles per hour could strain the ability of cellular networks to keep up as the devices keep trying to connect with cellphone towers, interfering with service to users on the ground.

An industry advisory committee created by the FAA to examine the issue recommended last month that the government permit greater use of personal electronic devices.

US city's bid to close Sriracha plant denied

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge has denied a Southern California factory town's attempt to shut down production of the popular Sriracha chili sauce over complaints about the pungent smell of pepper and garlic fumes emanating from the factory.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Robert O'Brien rejected the city of Irwindale's initial bid Thursday to cease operations at the Huy Fong Foods plant until the company can reduce the odor, City News Service reported.

"You're asking for a very radical order on 24-hour notice," O'Brien told attorney June Ailin, representing the city.

A Nov. 22 hearing was scheduled on a preliminary injunction.

The sprawling 650,000 square-foot (60,400-sq. meter) factory processes some 100 million pounds (45.4 million kilograms) of peppers a year into Sriracha and two other popular Asian food sauces.

The peppers get washed, mixed with garlic and a few other ingredients and roasted during this time of

the year, when jalapeno peppers are harvested in central California and trucked to the 2-year-old plant.

The pungent smell of peppers and garlic fumes is sent through a carbon-based filtration system that

They complained the odor from the factory gives them headaches, burns their throat and makes their eyes water.

Huy Fong executives said they were cooperating with the city to reduce the smell, but balked at the

The company said it was looking into other alternatives when the city sued.

Sriracha's little plastic squeeze bottles with their distinctive green caps are ubiquitous in restaurants and home pantries around the world.



Sriracha chili sauce is produced at the Huy Fong Foods factory in Irwindale, Calif., on Tuesday, Oct 29, 2013.

(AP Photo/Nick Ut)

dissipates them before they leave the building, but not nearly enough say residents.

city's suggestion of putting in a new, \$600,000 filtration system that may not be necessary.

Company founder David Tran said his privately held business took in about \$85 million last year.



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US Financial Front: Fewer Americans seek unemployment aid for 3rd consecutive week

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell 10,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 340,000, a sign that employers are laying off very few workers.

The Labor Department said Thursday that the four-week average rose 8,000 to 356,250, the highest since April. The 16-day partial government shutdown and backlogs in California due to computer upgrades inflated the average.

Still, a government spokesman said those unusual factors did not affect last week's first-time applications, which appeared to be free of distortions for the first time in two months.

Applications are a proxy for layoffs.

They have fallen for three straight weeks and are just above the pre-recession levels reached in August.

Fewer applications are typically followed by more job gains. But hiring has slowed in recent months, rather than accelerated.

The economy added an average 143,000 jobs a month from July through September. That's down from an average of 182,000 in April through June, and 207,000 during the first three months of the year.

"A larger concern remains over firms not willing to accelerate hiring as the lean workforce does not leave much room left for firing," said Yelena Shulyatyeva, an economist at BNP Paribas.

Nearly 3.9 million people

received unemployment benefits in the week ended Oct. 12, the latest data available. That's about 40,000 more than the previous week. But a year ago, more than 5 million people were receiving unemployment aid.

Hiring likely weakened even further in October because of the shutdown, which ended on Oct. 16. In addition to government contractors, other companies also likely cut jobs, such as restaurants and hotels located near national parks, which were closed. Some economists are forecasting that job gains in October could be 100,000 or less.

Payroll provider ADP said Wednesday that businesses added just 130,000 jobs in October.

That's down from ADP's estimate of 145,000 private-sector jobs added in September.

The government will release its October employment report on Nov. 8. The report was delayed a week because of the shutdown. The Federal Reserve said Wednesday that the economy is growing at a moderate pace but still needs its support. Fed policymakers decided to continue purchasing \$85 billion a month in bonds. The bond purchases are intended to lower long-term interest rates and encourage more borrowing and spending. In a statement, the Fed struck a slightly more optimistic tone about the economy.

That suggests the Fed might pull back on its stimulus as



FirstService representatives talk to jobseekers at a job fair in Miami Lakes, Fla. According to a report issued by the Labor Department, on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013, the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell 10,000 a week earlier to a seasonally adjusted 340,000, a sign that employers are laying off very few workers.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

early as December, economists said.

Most economists expect

growth at an annual rate of between 1.5 percent

and 2 percent in the July-

September quarter, and about the same in the final

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Chemical arms inspectors: Syria has destroyed all declared sites

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LONDON - The international chemical weapons watchdog said Thursday that Syria had met an important deadline for the "functional destruction" of all the chemical weapons production and mixing facilities it declared to inspectors, rendering them inoperable, under a deal brokered by Russia and the United States.

While some experts depicted the announcement as a milestone, the measures left President Bashar Assad in control of a declared 1,290 metric tons of chemical weapons that are supposed to be destroyed by mid-2014, and an array of conventional weapons used in the country's civil war, in which over 100,000 people have died.

"The Assad regime continues to use artillery, air power and siege tactics against civilians, with thousands killed every month," the British Foreign Office said in a statement. While the destruction of facilities is "an important first milestone, it brings no relief to

the Syrian people."

"As winter approaches, the humanitarian situation grows more acute with millions left vulnerable," the statement said.

The watchdog group, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, in The Hague, said in a statement that a joint team of its inspectors and U.N. officials had visited 21 of the 23 chemical sites Syria declared to them. While the remaining two sites were too hazardous to visit because of the country's civil war, the chemical-making equipment there had been moved to other sites that the inspectors could visit, the statement said.

"The joint mission is now satisfied that it has verified - and seen destroyed - all of Syria's declared critical production and mixing/filling equipment," the statement said. "Given the progress made, no further inspection activities are currently planned."

The group said Syria had met the deadline set by the group's executive council, which had urged the destruction of production and

other equipment no later than Friday.

According to an inventory of Syria's chemical weapons program reported by the agency to the U.N. secretary-general, Ban Ki-moon, the facilities that

high-tech anything," Michael Luhan, a spokesman for the chemical weapons group, said in a telephone interview.

Syria agreed to the destruction of its chemical arsenal to avert threatened U.S.

the attack. Assad blamed the rebels. The next phase of the timetable set down by the United Nations is Syria's destruction of its stockpiles of chemical weapons by mid-2014. Disarmament experts have said that the



U.N.-Arab League envoy for Syria, Lakhdar Brahimi, left, smiles as he meets with Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem in Damascus, Syria. The international chemical weapons watchdog said Thursday that Syria had met an important deadline for the "functional destruction" of all the chemical weapons production and mixing facilities it declared to inspectors.

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have been destroyed since inspectors started work at the beginning of October include 18 production facilities, eight mobile filling units and three other "chemical weapons-related" facilities. "It was a smash-and-grab operation that didn't need

and French military strikes after a poison gas attack in a suburb of Damascus, the Syrian capital, on Aug. 21 that killed hundreds of people. The United States and its allies backing Syria's rebels accused forces loyal to Assad of responsibility for

large number of weapons makes the deadline for their destruction a major challenge.

Syria's arsenal has about 1,000 metric tons of Category 1 chemical weapons, according to the agency's report to Ban last week.

Strong earthquake hits eastern Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A strong earthquake hit eastern Taiwan on Thursday, shaking buildings over a wide area including the capital. There were no immediate reports of serious damage or casualties. The U.S. Geological Survey said the earthquake struck at 8:02 p.m. and measured magnitude 6.3. It was centered in a remote mountainous area 45 kilometers (28 miles) south-southwest of the coastal city of Hualian at a depth of just 12 kilometers (7.5 miles), it said. In the capital, Taipei, about 150 kilometers (95 miles) from the epicenter, build-

ings swayed for more than 10 seconds and startled residents ducked for cover. Taiwan's railway administration immediately suspended train service while it checked for any possible damage to tracks. Authorities reported scattered power outages in northern Taiwan. In at least two locations in the Taipei suburbs crews were working to extricate people trapped in stalled elevators.

Local TV channels reported that there appeared to be almost no damage in Hualian. However, it could take some time for the full

impact of the quake to be evaluated because of the remoteness of the epicenter.

Newer buildings in Taiwan are built to withstand strong earthquakes, so damage in major cities tends to be limited. This is not the case for buildings constructed before the 1980s, when construction standards were less rigorous.

Earthquakes frequently rattle Taiwan, but most are minor and cause little or no damage.

However, a magnitude-7.6 earthquake in central Taiwan in 1999 killed more than 2,300 people.



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Protests, tight cordon set for Morsi trial in Egypt

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Some 20,000 police officers and soldiers will guard the upcoming trial of Egypt's toppled president, an official said Thursday, as Islamist opponents plan massive protests that may spark more turmoil in the country.

An Interior Ministry official warned that any protesters attempting to break into the courtroom where ousted President Mohammed Morsi will be tried will be met "decisively with force."

The stark warning came as a Muslim Brotherhood-led coalition called Thursday for mass demonstrations across the country starting Friday until Nov. 4, set as opening day of Morsi's trial. Morsi, a Brotherhood leader, faces charges of inciting murder and violence in connection to deadly clashes presidential palace in December. He's been held at an undisclosed location since the military toppled him in a popularly supported July 3 coup.

It is not yet clear if the 62-year-old Morsi will appear in court, though the Interior Ministry official said that the ousted president will be flown by helicopter to the Torah prison complex. The trial will be held inside a police institute near the prison in southern Cairo, where most of the group's arrested leaders are held, the official said. It has not been announced yet whether Morsi will return to the undisclosed location or join other de-

tained Brotherhood members in Tora prison after the hearing. Another security official said authorities favor holding him away from Tora to avoid the prison becoming a focal point for protesters, though civilian authorities likely will take responsibility for him from the start of the hearing.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they weren't authorized to speak publicly about security arrangements for Morsi's trial.

Some fear the trial will mark a new cycle of turmoil in Egypt. In a statement, the Brotherhood-led coalition described the trial as "illusory" and said it would hold authorities responsible for any "harm" that comes to Morsi.

"We have seen in the era

of the coup those committing the crime are the ones who are presenting President Mohammed Morsi to

backed interim government to break the Brotherhood. Nearly 2,000 Brotherhood members have been

while, authorities are pushing to quickly amend the country's constitution and hold parliamentary and



Egyptian security forces guard the Al-Azhar Islamic university in Cairo, Egypt. Some 20,000 police officers and soldiers will guard the upcoming trial of Egypt's toppled president, Mohammed Morsi, an official said Thursday.

(AP Photo/Ahmed Abd El Latef)

be tried," the statement read. Morsi's trial is part of efforts by the military-

arrested since the coup, while top leaders face criminal charges. Mean-

presidential elections by early next year to cement their legitimacy. □

Bodies of dozens of migrants found in Niger's desert

ADAM NOSSITER
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DAKAR, Senegal - The decomposing bodies of 87 migrants from the impoverished West African nation of Niger were discovered in the Sahara this week just a few miles from a well, apparently stranded after a desperate search for water, said the head of a local humanitarian organization who helped bury many of the bodies.

Two trucks carrying the migrants - men, women and children - broke down in the northern desert while trying to reach neighboring Algeria, said Almousta-pha Alhacen, speaking by telephone from Arlit, where they started their journey

Sept. 26. Responders found groups of corpses - 15 here, 11 there - scattered in a wide radius around a well that the victims had tried to reach. Five other victims were discovered earlier, for a total of 92 dead.

At least 52 of the victims were children, said Alhacen, who heads a non-governmental organization called Aghirin Man in Arlit, 120 miles south of the border. One of the trucks broke down less than 10 miles from the well. The mayor of Arlit, Abderahmane Maouli, said by phone, "Between the vehicle and the well, they were scattered here and there, a bit everywhere."

Alhacen described a grim

scene.

"It was horrible," he said. "Very difficult. They were dehydrated, decomposed. Some of them had been eaten by jackals. You couldn't recognize them. Some had died of thirst."

The victims are thought to have been Nigeriens fleeing one of the world's poorest countries - Niger ranks last on the U.N. Human Development Index - in search of opportunity in relatively prosperous Algeria, flush with oil revenue, across the border.

Maouli said migrant deaths in the desert were relatively common. But the scale of the latest disaster was beyond anything the region had yet experienced.

"This is the biggest," he said. "We've never seen anything like this."

Migrants pushed back from more prosperous lands in the north congregate in the Nigerien desert city of Agadez to the south of Arlit, said Ismael Mahamane of the International Organization for Migration in that city; thousands more use Agadez as a staging point. Out of 113 who plunged into the desert in late September, bypassing the main road and its checkpoints, 21 survived, Alhacen said. Two, both smugglers, made it back to Arlit and are in jail, he said; 19 reached the Algerian city of Tamanrasset and were sent back. □

UK prosecutor: Brooks, Coulson had affair

JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A prosecutor electrified Britain's phone hacking trial Thursday by revealing that Rebekah Brooks and Andy Coulson — the two most senior U.K. tabloid editors accused of illegal eavesdropping and bribery — had a secret affair lasting at least six years.

Prosecutor Andrew Edis said the relationship between the two powerful editors — both former top Rupert Murdoch aides and associates of Prime Minister David Cameron — goes to the heart of the case's key

question: Who knew what during years of illicit activity at Murdoch's News of the World and Sun tabloids?

The fact they had an affair and kept it secret "means they trusted each other a lot," Edis said.

He said there was "absolute confidence between the two of them" about issues at their work.

"Through the relevant period, what Mr. Coulson knew Mrs. Brooks knew too, and what Mrs. Brooks knew Mr. Coulson knew too, because it's clear ... that as at February 2004 they had been having an affair which had lasted at least

six years," he said.

The two enjoyed close ties to Britain's media and political elite.

Brooks has been friends with Cameron and Coulson served as his communications director before and after Cameron's election as prime minister in 2010.

Edis said their affair started in about 1998 and covered the period when Brooks was News of the World editor and Coulson her deputy — including the period in 2002 when the newspaper hacked into the phone of 13-year-old Milly Dowler, who was later found murdered. □



Rebekah Brooks arrives at The Old Bailey law court in London, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013. Former News of the World national newspaper editors Rebekah Brooks and Andy Coulson went on trial Monday, along with several others, on charges relating to the hacking of phones and bribing officials while at the now closed tabloid paper.

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

Greeks protest over planned new tax

DEREK GATOPOULOS

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Retirees, the disabled and high school teachers were among thousands of protesters who clogged the Greek capital's streets Thursday to demonstrate against a new property tax and other austerity measures. The show of anger disrupted traffic for more than eight hours.

Parliament is due to vote next week on proposals to replace an emergency property tax included on electricity bills with a permanent levy, breaking a

pledge made last year by the conservative-led coalition government to abolish the tax. New planned cuts to state benefits and the public workforce have also prompted unions to call another general strike for Nov. 6.

An economic crisis led Greece to take billions of euros in rescue loans from other European countries and the International Monetary Fund in recent years. In return, it has had to overhaul its economy and impose harsh measures including cutting salaries and imposing new taxes.

The government has promised a six-year recession will end in 2014, but unemployment has continued to rise. By the latest measure, it was near 28 percent, with 31 percent of the country living in poverty or at risk of poverty, according to the EU statistics agency, Eurostat.

More than a thousand disabled demonstrators from all over the country blocked traffic outside the Labor Ministry building before filing through the city center in wheelchairs, on crutches and using white canes for the blind. □

Jobless rate in Eurozone stays near its record high

JACK EWING

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FRANKFURT - The number of people out of work in the eurozone rose slightly in September, according to official data published Thursday, showing that signs of renewed economic growth have not yet filtered through to the labor market.

The jobless rate was 12.2 percent last month, a record high and the same as the figure for August, which was revised upward. But the absolute number of jobless people in the 17 countries in the euro area rose by 60,000 from a total of about 19.5 million, according to Eurostat, the EU statistics agency in Luxembourg.

Another sign of weak growth came from the agency's inflation report Thursday. It showed a slower than expected increase in the prices consumers and businesses pay for everything from food to energy to industrial goods, and could put pressure on European officials to further stimulate the region's economy.

The eurozone unemployment rate had stopped rising in recent months, but Eurostat revised the figure reported for August to 12.2 percent from 12 percent.

"Businesses are not yet confident enough about the growth outlook to switch to creating jobs," Marie Diron, an economist who advises the consulting firm Ernst & Young, said in an email.

The numbers come as a disappointment after recent data fed hopes that the eurozone was slowly emerging from a downturn that effectively began in 2009. Spain, one of the countries hit hardest by the eurozone debt crisis, returned to growth in the third quarter after a recession that lasted more than two years.

There also have been signs that the European car industry, a major source of jobs, is recov-

ering from its worst sales in two decades. On Wednesday, the Italian carmaker Fiat reported its first increase in European sales since 2010.

But joblessness continued to rise in eurozone countries including France, Italy and Belgium, offsetting improvement in Germany and Portugal.

The highest jobless rate was in Greece, where it rose to 27.6 percent in July - the most recent month reported by that country's statisticians - from 27.5 percent in June, Thursday's data showed. The next highest was in Spain, where the unemployment rate was unchanged in September at 26.6 percent.

Unemployment was lowest in Austria, where the rate was unchanged at 4.9 percent, and Germany, where the rate fell to 5.2 percent from 5.3 percent.

The unemployment report came as Eurostat also reported that inflation in the eurozone had fallen to an estimated 0.7 percent in October from 1.1 percent in September. Together, the reports could put pressure on the European Central Bank to take action when it meets next week. The ECB aims to maintain inflation at about 2 percent, a level considered healthy for growth. In theory, the decline in inflation means that the central bank should be obligated to cut the benchmark interest rate to 0.25 percent from its current level of 0.5 percent, already a record low.

"With inflation down below 1 percent, the ECB should start to worry about the risk of deflation," Diron said. Deflation - a broad fall in prices - would be crippling for Europe, because national governments would collect less revenue from sales taxes and other sources and have even more trouble repaying their debts. □



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Saudi men quietly help campaign for women to drive

AYA BATRAWY

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A growing number of men are quietly helping steer a campaign to end Saudi Arabia's ban on allowing women to drive, risking their jobs and social condemnation in the conservative kingdom. Some of the men have even been questioned by authorities, and one was detained by a branch of the Saudi Interior Ministry — a move that sent a chill through some of the activists working to put women behind the wheel.

On Saturday, more than 60 women said they defied the ban, although they faced little action from police. In the run-up to the weekend protest, men played a key role in helping wives, sisters and female friends to enjoy what they believe is a fundamental right.

Since the campaign was launched in September, they have produced videos of women driving and put them on social networks.

They have helped protect the female drivers by forming packs of two or three cars to surround them and ward off potential harassment.

And some have simply ridden as passengers with the women as they run their daily errands.

"The stereotype is that there's a problem in Arab

culture and that we are against women and that the West is on the side of women. This is totally rejected," said Abdullah al-Bilassi, a 23-year-old engineering student in Riyadh.

He says he is active in the campaign partly because he is tired of hearing that Saudi men and Islam are against allowing women to drive. Though no laws ban women from driving in Saudi Arabia, the authorities do not issue them drivers' licenses. Many of the women who drove last weekend had licenses from abroad, activists said.

The tradition of banning women from driving is rooted in the kingdom's hard-line interpretation of Islam known as Wahabbism, with critics warning that women driving could unravel the very fabric of Saudi society. But al-Bilassi said that driving is "a basic right. I don't know why they say society is against it."

Most of the men active in the campaign are in their 20s and 30s. They say their fathers and uncles often tell them frankly in male gatherings that it is not yet time to allow women to drive. Hard-line ultraconservative clerics warn that it could lead to "licentiousness."

On Sunday, elementary school teacher Tariq al-Mubarak was detained by the Interior Ministry's Criminal Investigation Department in Riyadh, although

he has not been charged, said his lawyer, Abdel-Aziz al-Qassem.

Al-Mubarak was targeted because of his role in the

newspaper supportive of women's rights to drive.

Interior Ministry spokesman Mansour al-Turki could not be reached for comment.

al-Qassem said. "They just wanted to know what the point of the campaign is — if it is pressure on the government, which of course



This image made from video taken on Oct. 26, 2013 provided by the Oct. 26 driving campaign, shows a man in a car giving a thumbs-up to a woman driving in Saudi Arabia during a day of protest by women who got behind the wheel to defy a driving ban in the kingdom. Arabic reads "men are supporting." Men risking careers and livelihoods are working quietly behind the scenes to help steer a campaign to grant Saudi women the right to drive.

(AP Photo/Oct. 26 Driving Campaign)

campaign, the lawyer said, adding that a phone line used by activists was registered under al-Mubarak's name. He also had written columns in a major Arabic

The lawyer told The Associated Press that he and al-Mubarak's wife were able to see him for the first time Wednesday.

"He is well and healthy,"

is not allowed, or a social campaign."

The activists have been careful not to gather for fear of being accused of organizing a protest. □

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Mexican Day of Dead 'Catrina' spreads look

**ADRIANA LICON
MARK STEVENSON**
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's elegant and classy "Skeleton Lady" is getting new attention more than a century after she was born, inspiring some movie and rock stars in the U.S. to don Halloween costumes based on the macabre figure that has grown to symbolize the Day of the Dead.

As Mexico's capital marks the 100th anniversary of the death of the artist who created "Catrina," dozens of video bloggers are offering tips on how to nail her pale skull look.

Jose Guadalupe Posada, the cartoonist who created Catrina, is being honored by Mexico City with giant replicas of his illustrations and a display of skeleton statues for the Day of the Dead offering that opens on the capital's main plaza Thursday. Such offerings traditionally consist of an altar with flowers, food and a photo of a departed loved one.

The Skeleton Lady in her elegant broad-brimmed hat first appeared in a satirical engraving that Posada did sometime between 1910 and his death on Jan. 20, 1913. He wanted to mock those who pretended to be of a higher class, even if it meant starving, and going painfully thin, or without flesh. She became the most famous of Posada's illustrations, with

later sketches dressing her in classy Victorian-era garments with a high neckline. As Halloween celebrations make inroads in Mexico,

red-and-black shawl and headpiece and published a photo on her Instagram account. Sandra Bullock was caught by photogra-

touches of elegant scarves and veiled hats stem from the Skeleton Lady. Dozens of tutorials popped up in the last month on YouTube showing how to darken circles around the eyes and draw colorful shapes on the cheeks to create a frightening, yet festive look. At some online costume stores in the United States, short-skirted and tight-bodied "muerta" or "sugar-skull" costumes are on sale. The Catrina is also trendy among young women in Mexico. Makeup studios and salons apply the complex face paint for as much as 1,000 pesos (about \$80) for Halloween as Mexicans increasingly mix the U.S. festival with the Day of the Dead, which traditionally didn't involve dressing up. For Andrew Chesnut, author of "Devoted to Death: Santa Muerte, the Skeleton Saint" and a professor of Catholic Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, the Catrina's rise in the U.S. is part of the increasing Mexican and Latin American influence in the United States. "She is kind of a perfect example of integrating both traditions and not seeing any contradiction or problems with that," Chesnut said. He said more and more U.S. families, not only of Mexican descent, are setting up altars and celebrating Day of the Dead. The Catrina went through a couple of incarnations before becoming a scary sex symbol. □



An artist paints a traditional Mexican "Catrina" as part of the Day of the Dead celebrations in Mexico City's Zocalo, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013. Mexicans celebrate Day of the Dead to honor deceased loved ones, a tradition that coincides with All Saints Day and All Souls Day on Nov. 1 and 2.

(AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)

the spooky and sexy Catrina look is spreading a Mexican touch to the north. Singer Fergie of the Black Eyed Peas sported a sexy Catrina outfit with a

phers in Los Angeles wearing Mexican-style skull makeup and a black dress. While it's often called "Mexican Candy Skull" makeup, the Catrina

Puerto Rico's top cop to go amid reform

DANICA COTO
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico's police chief has submitted his resignation as the U.S. territory prepares to reform an agency that federal prosecutors have accused of corruption, illegal killings and civil rights violations. Hector Pesquera said he would step down Nov. 15, more than a year after he was appointed to lead the second-largest force in the U.S. with roughly 17,000 officers. Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla accepted the resignation late Wednesday and said he would announce a new police chief in the upcoming days. Pesquera was the former director of the FBI office based in Puerto Rico, and he was appointed police chief just months after the department reported a record 1,136 killings on an island of 3.7 million people. It is unclear what prompted the resignation, which comes one day after a U.S. marshal was named to oversee a federally mandated reform of the island's police department that Pesquera has said he supported. Pesquera did not return messages for comment. He told radio station WKAQ that he's leaving for personal reasons, but did not elaborate.

"It was time to go," he said during the interview. "For the past 19 months, I have given it my all and I go with my head held high."

During his tenure, the number of killings subsided somewhat, with 749 killings reported so far this year compared to 794 in the same period last year.

Rep. Jose Aponte, former speaker of the island's House of Representatives and a member of the main opposition party, said in a phone interview that Pesquera helped instill trust again in Puerto Rico's police officers.

"His departure at this time goes against the best interests of Puerto Rico," he said. "The job he did was good, it was effective." □

Venezuelan newsprint shortage halts regional press

Associated Press
CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— A pro-government newspaper from Hugo Chavez's home state is the latest Venezuelan broadsheet to halt its presses as a shortage of newsprint has the government scrambling to guarantee supplies. "There's no newsprint!!" read the front-page headline in Monday's printed edition of De Frente, when the Barinas-based paper informed readers it would only resume printing once it obtained supplies. The paper returned to newsstands on Thursday, but

the publisher says it only has enough inventories to guarantee publication for another week. "The crisis is far from over," said Elvis Ramirez, news editor of the publication, which generally aligns itself with the government. De Frente is the fifth regional newspaper to stop printing since July as 50 percent inflation and restrictions on dollar purchases to stave off devaluation makes it difficult to import paper and other basic supplies. Even better-financed national publications have been forced to reduce page count and

the number of copies sold at newsstands as the bolivar currency slides to a record low on the black market. De Frente, with a daily circulation of about 5,000 copies, stayed afloat in recent months by collecting unpaid bills from other publications in the form of newsprint, Ramirez said. Still, the situation turned critical three weeks ago when the 29-year-old paper had to eliminate its weekend editions.

Venezuela's largest association of journalists accuses the government of trying to censor newspapers, one

of the last bastions of government criticism after a crackdown on radio and TV stations in recent years that gave airtime to the opposition. The government denies its policies are strangling press freedom, and has instead launched probes into larger papers favored by the opposition for hoarding supplies as part of an "economic war" to destabilize the government. It said Wednesday it would supply 5,000 metric tons of newsprint for 83 regional papers, enough to guarantee circulation until March. □



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ORANJESTAD - The Run, Walk, Ride for the Roses took place recently, organized by the Koningin Wilhelmina Cancer Fund. The event enjoyed a huge number of participants, determined to support the foundation in its fight against cancer.

Aruba Bank, known for its sincere commitment to social initiatives in our community, decided to make a contribution towards the roses that were handed out during the sporting event. Additionally, at the end of the event, the bank also presented a surprise donation of no less than five thousand florins to the foundation. This demonstrated the bank's commitment to helping the foundation go on with its efforts to care for and guide cancer patients, while at the same time come up with initiatives to provide information to the community, so that everyone lives a healthier lifestyle, determined to prevent cancer. Those who were present during the event applauded the donation wholeheartedly, as the

Koningin Wilhelmina Cancer Fund does wonderful work, and only enjoys a very limited financial income. It is these types of donations by the private

sector that help the cancer fund organize events and cover their costs, in effort to help patients who suffer from cancer. Aruba Bank, its clients and



its members of management, were happy to have

been part of this year's Run, Walk, Ride. □

Aruba's 3rd International Bike Week hits the road!

ORANJESTAD - Happenings for Aruba's Third In-

ternational Bike Week include Queen Election,

Karaoke night, various rides, poker run and even

a tattoo contest. Lots of prizes to be given out and of course live music from Banzai ban Cosecha and DJ Genie at the different events. The Main Event will be the Betico Memorial Ride, taking place this Sunday. This will be an all day event covering the entire island where you will see hundreds of bikes from Aruba, as well as from our neighbor islands Curacao and Bonaire. All riders are welcome to come and experience exotic Aruban roads, riding alongside dazzling white beaches, experience some wild rides through Arikok National Park and feel the thrill of our warm tropical sun while you're driving skills may be challenged by our strong but refreshing trade wind. □



A Warm Welcome Back to Nick and Aoife O'Neill at Bugaloe Beach Bar!



PALM BEACH- A warm welcome back to lovely couple Nick and Aoife O'Neil from New York, to be more precise from Woodside, Queens. Nick and Aoife just can't get enough of Aruba, since they have been coming here for 9 years already. When first stepping on the island, they knew this was paradise. The locals are so friendly they say, 'it's like

coming home to family'. Way back, 9 years ago, they discovered Bugaloe on a Saturday afternoon. And boy, were they happy! They not only like Bugaloe for its perfect location, but also the incredible staff, music and food. By far, their favorite menu item is the Grouper, perfectly to be combined with their favorite drink Amstel Bright. When they are

in Aruba, they like to spend their time relaxing, reading a little bit of gambling. But ofcourse, always checking to see what is happening at Bugaloe. The funniest memory of Bugaloe was the first salsa class Nick took. Mostly, Bugaloe would like to thank Nick and Aoife for being such loyal guests, and we hoop to welcome them back for the 10th year! □

Beauty On The Beach

Luz Maria

She is visiting Aruba and staying at The Amsterdam Manor. Luz Maria de Rio is from Argentina

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Divi Phoenix hosts Excellence Awards for the Third Quarter!

PALM BEACH - Recently the Aruba Phoenix Beach resort held its Excellence Awards of the 3rd Quarter of 2013 for their associates. It was a fun-filled Mexican themed afternoon, where they gave recognition to their associates.

Nominees for the employee of the 3 quarter were Eba Perez, Annellica Felisor, Cristian Robles, Julia Orozco, Jorge Bautista and Shelo Baptiste, and the employee of the 3rd quarter was Julia Orozco from the Spa!

Nominees for Supervisor of the 3rd quarter were Luis Mora and Rafael Pacheco, and Rafael Pacheco from Housekeeping won the title of Supervisor of the 3rd quarter. Also there was a special celebration as they

honored the anniversaries of 2 night auditors, Indra-paul Singh and Rudolf de Mei who celebrated their respected 10 and 15 year anniversaries.

The employees enjoyed an afternoon with Mexican music and food, celebrating a successful 3rd quarter for 2013. □



Sand hosts steaming hot Halloween Dance Party!



PALM BEACH – Halloween visited early at Sandbar this year, where guests got funky and spooky at their spook-tacular Halloween back to the 90's party! Incredible music provided by 'DJ 101' Mark Benson, followed by Tsunami, the famous local band who always keeps the crowd movin' and groovin'! Entrance was free and it was super crowded. People were dressed up in their scary and sexy costumes



because there were many prizes to be won in both categories! The person dressed up as Freddy Kruger was the overall costume winner at a Halloween party that will not soon be forgotten! □



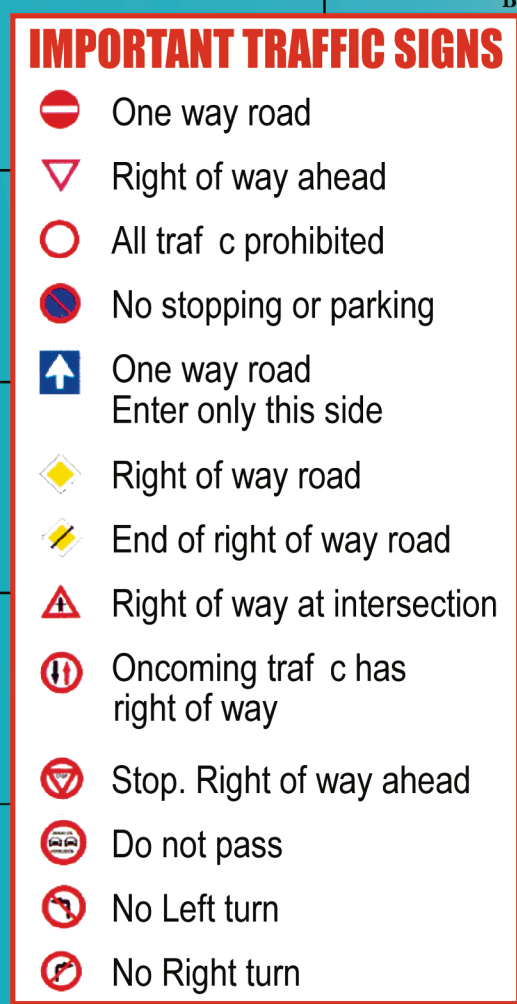
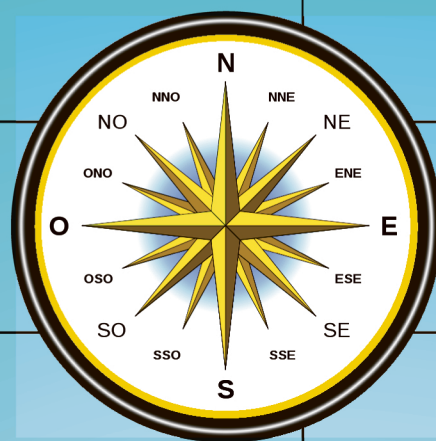
Beautiful Wedding for Laura and Matthew!



PALM BEACH - On Saturday October 26, 2013 Laura Amorese and Matthew O'Connell said "I Do" at the St. Anna Church in Noord. The newlyweds celebrated the joyous occasion with their 85 guests at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino.

Coordinated by Event Manager Simone Silooy, the Grand Ballroom was decorated beautifully, with live music by Tsunami and a dinner buffet. Laura and Matthew would like to thank their beloved family and friends for being present during their special wedding day. □







NBA Capsules

Hawes, Carter-Williams help 76ers stun Heat

The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Spencer Hawes scored 24 points and hit the winning basket to lead the Philadelphia 76ers past the Miami Heat 114-110 Wednesday night. The Sixers were strong from the opening tip, making their first 11 shots and racing to a 26-4 lead against the reigning NBA champions, who had opened the season with a win over the Chicago Bulls the previous night. The Heat erased the deficit in the third quarter and appeared to take control behind LeBron James. Hawes hit a 3-pointer, then a driving layup for a 109-108 lead with 2:01 left. James blew two straight chances to put Miami up, losing the ball on a drive down the middle, then missing a 6-footer on the next possession. Shane Battier missed his seventh straight 3-point attempt, and the Sixers put the game away from the



Philadelphia 76ers' Michael Carter-Williams, right, drives past Miami Heat's Chris Bosh to shoot during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, in Philadelphia. The 76ers won 114-110.

Associated Press

free-throw line. Michael Carter-Williams had 22 points, 12 assists and set an NBA first-game record with nine steals for the Sixers. Evan Turner scored 26. LeBron James had 25 points and 13 assists and Chris Bosh scored 22 for Miami. **ROCKETS 96, BOBCATS 83**
HOUSTON (AP) — Dwight Howard had 17 points and a career-high-equaling 26 rebounds in his Houston debut as the Rockets cruised past Charlotte. Howard spurned the Lakers to sign an \$88 million deal with Houston, joining James Harden and a team that made the playoffs last season for the first time since 2009. The Rockets led by four points in the fourth quarter before using a 14-4 run to extend the lead to 86-72 with about 3½ minutes left.

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Seattle Sounders' Clint Dempsey (2) cartwheels over Colorado Rapids goalkeeper Clint Irwin in the second half, resulting a free kick for the Sounders, in an MLS soccer game in Seattle, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013.

Associated Press

MLS Roundup

Evans, Johnson lead Sounders over Rapids 2-0

MARK MOSCHETTI
Associated Press
SEATTLE (AP) — Brad Evans fired in a powerful shot in the 28th minute and Eddie Johnson added another in stoppage time to give the Seattle Sounders a 2-0 victory over the Colorado Rapids and advance in the Major League Soccer playoffs Wednesday. The No. 4 seeded Sounders limped into the postseason

on a seven-game winless streak, but advanced to face the No. 1 Portland Timbers in the two-legged Western Conference semifinals. The first game will be Saturday in Seattle. The Sounders played a man down from the 87th minute after goalkeeper Michael Gspurning was shown a red card for handling the ball outside the penalty area. Evans got his scoring

chance when Colorado's German Mera headed a cross out of the penalty area. Evans settled it at the top right of the box and ripped a hard shot to the back left corner. Johnson sealed it midway through the third of five minutes of stoppage time when he evaded Mera and beat Colorado goalkeeper Clint Irwin to the back left corner. □

Saying goodbye: Allen Iverson retires from NBA

DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson's highlights played one more time on the big screen, diehard Philadelphia 76ers fans and Julius Erving all part of the crowd catching one more glimpse of No. 3 in his prime.

His killer crossover in his rookie season that dusted Michael Jordan.

The jumper he buried over Tyronn Lue, then high-stepped over the fallen Lakers defender in Game 1 of the 2001 NBA Finals.

All there. All as much part of Iverson's DNA as the rants about practice, the cornrows, the controversy. All in the past.

This was time for A.I. to say goodbye.

Iverson officially called it quits — though, in truth, it was the NBA that gave up on him — nearly four years after he played his last game.

He did it in typical A.I. flair,

eschewing a suit fit for a black leather hoodie, askew black cap and a gold chain around his neck. "I always felt like it was cool being me," Iverson said.

Iverson retired Wednesday at the Wells Fargo Center, the site of so many of the moments he crafted into a Hall of Fame worthy career. Iverson led the Sixers to the 2001 NBA finals, won four scoring titles, clashed with former coach Larry Brown, and was an All-Star game fixture. Winning a championship is the lone void in a bio sheet that forever stamps him among the league's greats.

The undersized guard with the supersized heart was a perfect match in a city that prizes authenticity and hustle as much as production. "I'm going to always be a Sixer til I die," he said.

And his number will always hang in the rafters. Iverson's No. 3 will be retired on March 1 against Wash-

ington.

The 38-year-old Iverson had not played an NBA game since Feb. 20, 2010, in his second, short-lived stint with the Sixers. The 6-foot, 165-pound guard also played for Denver, Detroit and Memphis over a 14-year career that has him 19th on the career scoring list with 24,368 points.

He also played in Turkey before realizing the NBA doors would not open for him again.

"I thought that once this day came, it would be basically a tragic day," Iverson said. "I never imagined the day coming, but I knew it would come. I feel proud and happy to say that I'm happy with my decision and I feel great."

Iverson always proclaimed his love of Philly, the fans and the Sixers and swore he wanted to end his career with the franchise that made him the No. 1 overall pick in the 1996 draft.



Former Philadelphia 76ers basketball player Allen Iverson speaks during a news conference Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, in Philadelphia

Associated Press

He fearlessly crashed the lane against players nearly a foot taller than him, played through countless injuries and added the pizzazz that was missing in what was a staid franchise. He transformed the 76ers from lottery losers to contenders, though he couldn't bring home an

NBA title to this championship-starved city. He came close in 2001, when the 76ers lost to the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA finals.

Iverson was arguably one of the four greatest Sixers, compiling a sparkling resume that put him in the mix with Erving, Wilt Chamberlain, and Charles Barkley.



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Penguins edge Bruins 3-2



Pittsburgh Penguins' Chris Kunitz, center, is checked by Boston Bruins' Johnny Boychuk, right, as he backhands the puck between his legs and the legs of Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask (40) for a goal during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013.

Associated Press

The Associated Press
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Brandon Sutter and Jussi Jokinen scored in a 6:58 span in the third period as the Pittsburgh Penguins held on for a 3-2 victory over the Boston Bruins on Wednesday. Chris Kunitz also scored for the Penguins, who gained a small measure of revenge on the Bruins after Boston swept them out of the playoffs last spring. Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 21 shots for Pittsburgh, including a sliding save on David Krejci just before the final horn. Sidney Crosby picked up an assist to push his points total to an NHL-high 21. Patrice Bergeron and Jarome Iginla scored for Boston. Tuukka Rask finished with 28 saves, but couldn't stop the Bruins from dropping a road game for the first time this season. The meeting between the teams was the first since Boston's four-game sweep in the Eastern Conference finals, when the Bruins suffocated the NHL's highest scoring team into submission. The Penguins scored only twice in nearly 14 periods of hockey, undone by Boston's defense and a near

flawless performance by Rask, who stopped 134 of 136 shots in the series. KINGS 4, SHARKS 3, OT LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anze Kopitar scored on a power play 2:32 into overtime after setting up Justin Williams' tying power-play goal with 7:39 left in the third period as Los Angeles rallied from behind three times to beat San Jose. Drew Doughty and Jarret Stoll also had goals and Jonathan Quick stopped 17 shots in the first meeting of the season between the Pacific Division rivals, helping the Kings win for the eighth time in 11 games. Marc-Edouard Vlasic, Joe Pavelski and Logan Couture scored for the Sharks, who finished the first month of the season 10-1-2 and set a franchise record for wins in October. Antti Niemi made 19 saves in the finale of a 3-2 road trip. RED WINGS 2, CANUCKS 1 VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Tomas Tatar scored his first goal of the season late in the second period as Detroit defeated Vancouver. Daniel Alfredsson had the other goal for the Red Wings (7-4-2), while Jimmy Howard made 19 saves

as Detroit snapped a four-game slide. Daniel Sedin scored for Vancouver (9-5-1), which finished with a season-low 20 shots and had its four-game winning streak stopped. Roberto Luongo stopped 25 shots in the loss. Henrik Sedin set up Vancouver's first goal to extend his point streak to 10 games (three goals, nine assists). MAPLE LEAFS 4, FLAMES 2 CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — James van Riemsdyk scored a short-handed goal and Jonathan Bernier made 41 saves to help Toronto beat Calgary. Eastern Conference-leading Toronto has won three straight to improve to 10-4-0. It was the Maple Leafs' first victory in Calgary since Dec. 27, 2002. Joffrey Lupul, Mason Raymond and Paul Ranger — short-handed into an empty net — also scored for Toronto. Coming off a 4-0 victory on Tuesday night in Edmonton, the Maple Leafs will wrap up their three-game trip through Western Canada on Saturday night in Vancouver. Matt Stajan and David Jones scored for Calgary. The Flames are 5-5-2. □



Houston Rockets Dwight Howard (12) grabs a rebound between Omer Asik, left, and Charlotte Bobcats' Kemba Walker in the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, in Houston.

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Harden tossed an alley-oop to Howard for a dunk during that span. The crowd roared as Howard pointed and smiled at his new teammate. Another dunk by Howard, this one a two-handed slam, capped the spurt. The Bobcats were led by Josh McRoberts, who had 15 points. SPURS 101, GRIZZLIES 104 SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Kawhi Leonard had 14 points and Tony Parker added 13 points and nine assists, helping San Antonio get off to a strong start after last season's disappointing loss in the NBA Finals. The Spurs set a franchise record while outscoring the Grizzlies 30-7 in the second quarter. Boris Diaw had 14 points and Manu Ginobili and Patty Mills each had 12 points. Tiago Splitter had 11 points and eight rebounds for San Antonio. Tim Duncan left the game with a chest contusion after taking an inadvertent elbow with 10:50 left in the third quarter. Duncan did not return after retreating to the locker room. He had three points and six rebounds in 17 minutes. His status for Friday's game at the Los Angeles Lakers was unknown. Tony Allen had 15 points and Marc Gasol and Mike Conley had 14 each for Memphis. TIMBERWOLVES 120, MAGIC 115, OT MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin

Love had 31 points and 17 rebounds and hit the game-tying 3-pointer with 10.2 seconds left to force overtime in Minnesota's victory over Orlando. Ricky Rubio had 13 points, 11 assists and three steals for the Timberwolves, who survived a major scare from a young and rebuilding team. Arron Afflalo had 28 points and nine rebounds and Nikola Vucevic had 22 points and 16 rebounds for the Magic. Love made a 3-pointer just over 2 seconds later to tie the game and Afflalo missed a turn-around baseline jumper at the buzzer that would have won the game in regulation. Nikola Pekovic and Kevin Martin hit three-point plays in overtime for a 113-107 lead with 2:36 to play. Jameer Nelson had 18 points and eight assists and Victor Oladipo had 14 points, six rebounds and four assists for Orlando. WARRIORS 125, LAKERS 94 OAKLAND, California (AP) — Klay Thompson scored a career-high 38 points as Golden State whipped Los Angeles in the Warriors' season opener. Thompson finished 15 of 19 from the floor, including 5 of 7 from 3-point range. Golden State led by 19 at the half, 33 at the end of the third quarter and 35 early in the fourth. David Lee added 25 points, eight rebounds and five assists, and Stephen Curry had 10 points and six assists as the Warriors trounced a rebuilding Lakers team playing without Kobe Bryant and Steve Nash. □

Nadal beats Janowicz to reach Paris quarterfinals



Rafael Nadal of Spain returns the ball to Jerzy Janowicz of Poland during their round of eight match, at the Paris Masters tennis at Bercy Arena in Paris, France, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013.

Associated Press

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Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic overcame big servers Thursday to reach the quarterfinals of the Paris Masters.

Nadal defeated last year's runner-up Jerzy Janowicz 7-5, 6-4, while Djokovic rallied from a set down to beat John Isner 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-2.

Defending champion David Ferrer, Juan Martin del Potro, Tomas Berdych, Roger Federer, Stanislas Wawrinka and Richard Gasquet also won their third-round matches.

The Paris Masters has turned into a rehearsal for the ATP World Tour Finals as the eight quarterfinalists are also the eight players who qualified for the London tournament next week. Wawrinka and Gasquet grabbed the last two spots at the season ending-event when Berdych eliminated Milos Raonic of Canada 7-6 (3), 6-4.

Nadal broke for a 6-5 lead before whipping a forehand winner down the line to take the first set.

The top-seeded Spaniard and Janowicz traded breaks early in the second

set before the Pole double-faulted to hand Nadal a 3-2 lead.

The U.S. Open champion clinched the victory when Janowicz's forehand sailed long.

Nadal next faces Frenchman Gasquet, who downed Kei Nishikori of Japan 6-3, 6-2.

Djokovic couldn't find a breakthrough in the first set as Isner saved six break points to force the tiebreaker and won it when Djokovic's backhand sailed wide. The second-seeded Serb raised his game in the second set, making only two unforced errors and breaking Isner twice.

"I just needed to be very tough mentally and just believe I can make a break," Djokovic said. "I knew as soon as I make a break I'm going to start playing better and relaxed in a way, so that's what happened." Djokovic then won the last five games of the match, finishing off the American with a backhand volley.

Djokovic stretched his winning streak to 14 matches after taking the China Open and the Shanghai Masters titles in October.

"In China, I have had prob-

ably the best two weeks of the year, except at the beginning of the year, so it gives me a lot of confidence," Djokovic said. "I feel that I'm back mentally where I need to be, and hopefully I can maintain this winning streak and I can kind of keep on playing better and better."

The Australian Open champion next plays Wawrinka, who beat Nicolas Almagro of Spain 6-3, 6-2.

The seventh-seeded Swiss rallied from a 3-1 deficit in the first set and broke Almagro twice in the second. Federer also moved into the quarterfinals by dismissing Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany 6-3, 6-4.

The fifth-seeded Swiss saved three break points and broke once in each set, improving his record against Kohlschreiber to 8-0.

"I'm just really focused on trying to win as many matches as I can, get some momentum going, and getting in form," Federer said. "I felt good again for the second straight day here in Paris. It's still early in the tournament, and it's a good thing that I feel so good so early. I hope to

maintain this kind of a play, and if possible try to get just a touch better."

Federer, who won the Paris Masters in 2011, next meets del Potro in a rematch of last weekend's Swiss Indoors final.

The fourth-seeded Argentine overcame Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Del Potro broke for a 5-4 lead in the deciding set before hitting a forehand win-

ner on match point.

Spain's Ferrer cruised past Gilles Simon of France 6-2, 6-3, to next play Berdych. Berdych saved three set points in the tiebreaker against Raonic before firing a forehand winner to convert his sixth set point. Raonic dropped serve in the opening game of the second set and lost the match when he sent a forehand return long. □



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McIlroy bolts out to the lead at HSBC Champions

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SHANGHAI (AP) — Rory McIlroy found himself in a position that must have seemed vaguely familiar Thursday at the HSBC Champions. He was in the lead.

McIlroy looked more like a two-time major champion than someone who hasn't won all year. He rarely had any stress and opened with a 7-under 65, building a two-shot lead after one round of this World Golf Championship.

"It felt good to be out there and in control of my golf ball," McIlroy said. "If only one round, 18 holes. But it's definitely the way I wanted and needed to start."

Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano, coming off a win last week in the BMW Masters across town, and Jamie Donaldson each had 67. U.S. Open champion Justin Rose and Jordan Spieth, starting his second full season on the PGA Tour, were among those at 68.

British Open champion Phil Mickelson had a chance to join McIlroy in the lead until it all went wrong. One shot behind with two holes to play, Mickelson hit two wedges into the water fronting the par-5 eighth green and took a quadruple-bogey 9. His second wedge landed some 30 feet beyond the pin and had so much spin that it raced off the green and down the bank into the water.

He hit another shot into the water on No. 9, and followed that with a brave shot to 2 feet to escape with only a bogey. He fell back to a 71.

But this day ultimately was about McIlroy, who started the season at No. 1 in the world and fell into a slump that has lasted longer than



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland watches his shot on the second hole during the second round of the Korea Open golf tournament at Woo Jeong Hills Country Club in Cheonan, South Korea, Friday, Oct. 18, 2013.

usual. He started the week with his first win of the year — OK, it was an 18-hole exhibition against Tiger Woods — though he carried that form to Sheshan International.

"It's obviously different playing in an environment like that and coming out here trying to win this golf tournament, even though I did hold off Tiger Woods down the stretch," McIlroy said, laughing at the mock importance he placed on that exhibition.

It was the first time McIlroy held the outright lead after any round this year. He was part of a seven-way tie for the lead at the Wells Fargo Championship in early May. His only better score this year was a 64 in the

third round of the Deutsche Bank Championship in Boston, though conditions were soft that day.

"But this is probably better, just because it was a little trickier conditions," McIlroy said. "There was a bit of breeze, and you've got to play good golf to shoot 7-under around this place." His lone bogey came on his second hole, No. 11, when his tee shot plugged into the face of the bunker. He holed a 6-foot par putt on the par-3 fourth hole to avoid a three-putt bogey, and that was one of his goals for the round.

His driving made him look like the McIlroy of old, though it has been solid since he returned from a four-week break in Korea

two weeks ago. His short game carried him, especially during a stretch around the turn when he made four birdies in a five-hole stretch.

McIlroy hit a 3-wood just over the back of the par-4 16th hole and chipped to 3 feet for birdie. His 3-iron from light rough was about 20 yards short of the green on the par-5 18th, and he chipped to 5 feet for birdie. And on the par-5 second hole, another 3-iron from the rough left him 30 yards short, and he pitched that to 6 feet for birdie.

The other birdie during that stretch was on No. 1, his only tee shot off line. From the rough, his 9-iron from 160 yards covered the flag and settled about 7 feet

away.

"It's just learning from each week and just trying to put the pieces together," McIlroy said. "A little bit of confidence from Monday, of course, but I think it was these two previous weeks just getting back into competitive play and learning what I needed to do to improve and sort of work on those things coming into this week."

Fernandez-Castano was impressive at Lake Malaren for his first win of the year, and he kept right on form. The Spaniard moved up to No. 4 in the Race to Dubai, with an \$8.5 million purse, and he is still in the hunt to catch Henrik Stenson atop the money list.

The surprise might have been Spieth, the 20-year-old American who has been unwinding at home in Texas while buying a house and planning for a two-month break. This is his first trip to China, and he was struggling with jet lag earlier in the week after arriving Monday.

Spieth hit into the water — it didn't have a chance — on the par-3 17th and was 2-over, hopeful to get back to par by the end of the round. He birdied the next two holes and kept right on going.

"Felt right back at the end of last season the way I was swinging and putting," Spieth said. "It was really nice to get those feelings back. Just took a few holes to do it."

He charmed the Chinese along the way, especially when asked if he had any plans for Halloween as a young player.

"I guess ... do people dress up as Americans or anything?" he said. "Maybe American sports player?" □



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U.S. proving Internet-adept and inept at same time

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AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—When it comes to computers, the Obama administration appears simultaneously to be an amateur and a wizard. The same government that reportedly intercepted the communications of leading U.S. consumer technology firms, Google and Yahoo, without leaving a trace is criticized because it can't build a working federal website for health insurance.

In a single day in Washington, the extremes were on full display.

Under a classified project called MUSCULAR, the National Security Agency has secretly broken into the main communications links that connect Google and Yahoo data centers around the world, The Washington Post reported Wednesday, citing documents obtained from former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden. In the past 30 days, the NSA swept up and processed more than 180 million new records, including meta-data indicating who sent and received emails and when it happened, the Post reported.

Across town, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius

was apologizing to Congress over the troubled healthcare.gov website. New documents obtained by The Associated Press showed that officials had worried that a lack of website testing posed a potentially high security risk. A

budget documents leaked by Snowden. The budget for the entire Health and Human Services Department was less than \$1 trillion, and it spent \$118 million on the website plus about \$56 million on other IT to support the website,

Ex-hacker Marc Maiffret, the chief technology officer at BeyondTrust, said Washington contractors who work on civilian technology projects usually are over-budget and under-performing. Teams putting together large IT systems

behalf of the NSA is exciting, especially among the mostly young and mostly male demographic.

"Breaking in, it feels like special ops," Wysopal said. "Building something feels probably like you're in the Corps of Engineers. You're just moving a lot of dirt around." It's also widely understood to be easier to break something down than to build it. Siphoning the Google and Yahoo data is simpler to do than building a secure website for millions of people to get health care, Wysopal and Maiffret said. Besides, if the NSA had failed to collect all the data it wanted during a classified mission, few people would learn about it — unlike what happened almost immediately when the health care website was launched and immediately experienced problems, said Matt Green, a computer science professor at Johns Hopkins University. "If the NSA doesn't do something, you and I don't hear about it," Green said. The government generally spends more money researching how to attack, not defend, computers, said Spafford, director of the Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security at Purdue. □



In these October 2013 photos, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, left, and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius testify at separate hearings on Capitol Hill in Washington.

congressman told Sebelius that she had put Americans' personal financial information at risk.

The difference? National priorities, including big differences in how much the government spends, plus the talent and expertise of the people the government hires.

The NSA's annual budget was just over \$7 billion in fiscal 2013, according to

Sebelius said Wednesday. The NSA is famous for employing small focused teams of highly talented, highly recruited experts with special skills, said Chris Wysopal, a former hacker who is chief technology officer for Veracode. But the Health and Human Services Department's website designers? "They are sort of your average developers," he said.

are complex and must coordinate across different government agencies, insurance companies, states and contractors.

"They may have underestimated the complexity when they started on it, which is again not surprising," said Purdue University computer science professor Gene Spafford.

Motivation is important, too. Patriotic hacking on

Lowe, father of IBM personal computer, dies at 72

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Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — William C. Lowe had a bold idea: IBM should develop a personal computer that could be mass marketed, expanding the company's reach beyond businesses and into people's homes. That was in 1980. One year later, the IBM 5150 personal computer was selling out at stores for \$1,565, not in-

cluding a monitor.

Lowe, who was credited with fostering collaboration within the computer industry, died on Oct. 19 in Illinois of a heart attack, his daughter Michelle Marshall said. He was 72.

Marshall said she didn't realize the magnitude of what her father helped accomplish until she was an adult. "I'm so incredibly proud of him ... he's

touched everything," Marshall said Wednesday. "If he hadn't taken a risk and had the chutzpah he did to make it happen, it could have taken so many more years before everyone had a computer on their desktop." Other companies were making PCs as early as the 1970s, but IBM was behind the curve. Lowe was a lab director when he convinced his bosses

that he could assemble a team to build a personal computer in a year.

Lowe and his team were able to develop the IBM PC so quickly by adopting open architecture — using parts and software from outside vendors, including Microsoft, according to IBM's website.

Despite his accomplishments, Marshall said, her father didn't really learn

how to use a PC until he left IBM and was working at Xerox.

"He was a slow adapter, but he understood the implication," she said.

A sports nut, her dad approached everything as a game. "He would tackle it; he was relentless," she said. She said her father grew up poor in Pennsylvania and was the first person in his family to go to college. □

No October jinx this time for US stock market

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AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — October often makes investors nervous, since that's when some of the biggest crashes in stock market history happened. But this October, the market seemed unstoppable. The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed at a record high seven times and ended the month up 4.5 percent. The market climbed even after October began

with the 16-day government shutdown and the threat of a potentially calamitous U.S. default. "The market didn't waver in the face of the shutdown," said Anton Bayer, CEO of Up Capital Management, an investment adviser. "That was huge." After being rattled by a series of down-to-the-wire budget battles in recent years, investors have become inured to the ways of Washington lawmakers.

Instead of selling stocks, they kept their focus on what they say really matters: the Federal Reserve. The central bank is buying \$85 billion of bonds every month and keeping its benchmark short-term interest rate near zero to promote economic growth. The Fed stimulus has helped generate a stock market rally that dates to March 2009. With October's gains, the S&P 500 is now up 23.1 per-

cent for the year. The Dow Jones industrial average is 18.6 percent higher, and the Nasdaq composite index is up 29.8 percent. Some analysts say the precipitous rise in stocks may now make the market vulnerable to a drop. "Because stocks have gone up so much, people will get nervous about another big sell-off at some stage," said David Kelly, chief global strategist at JPMorgan funds.

Some investors will be relieved to see October behind them. The Stock Trader's Almanac refers to October as "the jinx month" because of its fraught history.

The Dow lost 40 points on Oct. 28, 1929, a day that became known as Black Monday and heralded the start of the Depression. Almost 60 years later, on Oct. 19, 1987, the Dow suffered its biggest percentage loss, plunging nearly 23 percent in the second Black Monday. The index also plummeted 13 percent on Oct. 27, 1997.

There was no such drama on Wall Street on Thursday. Stocks were mostly flat as investors took in disappointing corporate earnings.

The S&P 500 slipped 6.77 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,756.54. The Dow gained 73.01 points, or 0.5 percent, to 15,545. The Nasdaq composite fell 10.91 points, or 0.3 percent, to 3,919.71. Avon slumped \$4.90, or 21.9 percent, to \$17.50 after the beauty products company reported a third-quarter loss, reflecting lower sales and China-related charges. The company also said the Securities and Exchange Commission is proposing a much larger penalty than it expected to settle bribery allegations.

Visa fell \$7.15, or 3.5 percent, to \$196.67. Its quarterly profits fell 28 percent as it set aside money for taxes. Visa also expects a slow recovery for the economy.

Overall, company earnings are beating the expectations of Wall Street analysts and lifting stock prices. Companies are benefiting from low borrowing costs and stable labor expenses, which are enabling them to boost earnings even as sales remain slack.

Earnings for companies in the S&P 500 are expected to grow 5.1 percent in the third quarter, according from S&P Capital IQ. That compares with 4.9 percent in the second quarter, and 2.4 percent in the same period a year ago. □



Traders and company executives of 58.com and Essent Group crowd the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange during two IPO's, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013. (AP Photo/Ben Hider, NYSE)

Fannie Mae sues 9 banks over LIBOR losses

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AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fannie Mae sued nine major banks Thursday, alleging the banks' participation in the rigging of a key global interest rate cost the mortgage giant hundreds of millions of dollars. The banks sued include Bank of America Corp., Citigroup Inc., JPMorgan Chase & Co. and others that set the London interbank offered rate, or LIBOR, which is the basis for trillions of dollars in contracts, including mortgages and bonds. Fannie claims it lost \$800

million from transactions that were based on the banks' false submissions of their borrowing costs used to calculate LIBOR. The banks deliberately held down the value of LIBOR to benefit their trading positions and boost profits, Fannie said. Four of the banks — Britain's Barclays and Royal Bank of Scotland, Switzerland's largest bank UBS and the Dutch Rabobank — have been fined a total \$3.6 billion by U.S. and British regulators for manipulating LIBOR. Spokesmen for Bank of America, Citigroup and JPMorgan declined to

comment on Fannie's lawsuit. The other two banks sued are Germany's Deutsche Bank and Switzerland's Credit Suisse. The lawsuit says the three U.S. banks, as well as Deutsche Bank and Credit Suisse, remain under investigation in connection with alleged manipulation of LIBOR. Fannie's smaller sibling Freddie Mac filed similar suits against 15 LIBOR-setting banks in March. The inspector general for the Federal Housing Finance Agency reported last year that Fannie and Freddie together may have lost more than \$3 billion on

their transactions from the banks' rate-rigging. FHFA oversees Fannie and Freddie, both of which were rescued during the 2008 financial crisis and are now government controlled. The legal action by Fannie and Freddie added to a flurry of lawsuits filed by cities and municipal agencies in the U.S. against some of the banks that set LIBOR. The cities and agencies are seeking damages for losses they say they suffered as a result of an artificially low rate, because they hold bonds and other investments whose value is pegged to LIBOR. □

Profit margins squeeze Exxon Mobil and Shell

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Despite relatively high oil prices and slowly improving natural gas prices in the United States, the results for much of the oil and gas sector this earnings season have been mediocre. Large companies have generally been slow to take advantage of the boom in domestic shale oil drilling, leaving the field open to smaller and more agile companies like Continental Resources, Apache and Pioneer Natural Resources.

Before the summer, domestic refining had lifted profits for big integrated companies like Exxon Mobil and Shell. But more recently, abundant gasoline supplies have narrowed the margins that refineries gain from the difference between the cost of crude oil and wholesale and retail gasoline prices. Similarly, in Europe refining margins have been razor-thin because of too much capacity for existing demand resulting from the weak economy.

Energy experts say there is little reason to expect that refining margins will improve over the next several months because of the continuing surge in U.S. oil production, which drove oil prices this week in New York to a four-month low and with them the price of refined products like gasoline and diesel.

The results for Shell, Europe's largest company by market capitalization, were particularly disheartening, with earnings excluding extraordinary items dropping 32 percent from last year's quarter to \$4.5 billion. Net income of \$4.7 billion was down 35 percent.

Exxon Mobil, the largest U.S. oil company, reported that its profits for the quarter were down 18 percent from last year despite slightly higher production. Revenue was down 2 percent, to \$112.37 billion.

Exxon Mobil's third-quarter net income of \$7.87 billion

was slightly better than analysts' expectations. In a statement, the Exxon Mobil chief executive, Rex W. Tillerson, said: "Significantly weaker refining margins as a result of increased industrial capacity negatively impacted Exxon Mobil's downstream earnings."

The company's oil and gas production for the quarter increased 1.5 percent, while over the nine months of the year it was down 1.4 percent.

At Shell, the chief executive, Peter Voser, reiterated the challenges, saying in a statement: "We are facing headwinds from weak industry refining margins and the security situation in Nigeria, which continue to erode the near-term outlook."

The company said that shutdowns in Nigeria had trimmed production by 65,000 barrels a day and cost about \$300 million. Other companies including Eni of Italy have been hurt by problems there that included deteriorating security and an extraordinary blockade of a liquefied natural gas facility by the Nigerian Maritime Administration over a payment dispute, Shell said. The company is beginning to put some Nigeria properties with as much as 100,000 barrels a day of production up for sale.

Voser has announced that he is leaving at the end of the year. He is to be replaced by Ben van Beurden, the current head of Shell's refining business. That unit reported that its earnings had fallen 43 percent to \$900 million in the third quarter. Shell pointed to "global overcapacity and weak demand" as the main culprits.

Executives at both companies expressed optimism for a brighter future based on development of new international projects. Exxon Mobil is developing major projects in Canada, Australia and the Caspian Sea as well as the Russian Arctic that should increase company production of oil and gas. □

AB Inbev's Q3 profits rise 31 percent

TOBY STERLING
AP Business Writer

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Anheuser-Busch InBev, the world's largest brewer, says its third-quarter profits rose as the takeover of new brands and higher selling prices offset the impact of lower sales volumes. The company, based in Leuven, Belgium, said Thursday that net profit was up 31 percent to \$2.37 billion (1.73 billion euros), from \$1.81 billion in the same period a year earlier. The gain largely reflects the company's \$20 billion purchase in June of the 50 percent of Mexico's Grupo Modelo it didn't already own. Revenues rose 14 percent to \$11.6 billion due to the takeover, currency effects and growth.

Although sales volumes rose 11 percent, that was mainly due to the Modelo deal. Without it, volumes sank 1.3 percent, something the company had to offset by raising prices.

Among the best performing brands were its flagship Budweiser beer, which grew global sales by 8.1 percent, and Corona, up 3.7 percent. AB InBev's purchase of Modelo included rights to sell and market Corona globally — except in the U.S., where AB InBev brands, including U.S. best-seller Bud Light, already have a market share of around 50 percent.

"We are not satisfied with our top line performance in 2013, which continues to be impacted by macroeconomic headwinds in

a number of our markets," said CFO Felipe Dutra.

However, he said the integration of Modelo was going faster than forecast, and the company is already saving \$250 million on an annual basis by combining operations. Shares rose 2.1 percent at the start of trade in Brussels, to 76.13 euros.

AB InBev's global brands include Budweiser, Germany's Beck's, Belgium's Stella Artois, and Brazil's Brahma.

Dutra said the company sees big benefits in the near future as Brazil will benefit from the football World Cup in 2014 and the company's biggest brands have room to grow by selling into markets where they are not well-known. □



Budweiser cans run through a filling machine at the Anheuser-Busch brewery in the Van Nuys area of Los Angeles. The world's largest brewer Anheuser-Busch InBev reported positive quarterly earnings on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013, (AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

MGM Resorts 3rd-quarter loss narrows

LAS VEGAS (AP) — MGM Resorts' third-quarter loss narrowed as gambling revenue improved and it paid less interest on debt. For the period ended Sept. 30, MGM Resorts International lost \$31.9 million, or 7 cents per share. A year earlier the casino and lodging company — whose brands include Bellagio, MGM Grand and The Mirage — lost \$181.2 million, or 37 cents per share.

Revenue rose 9 percent to \$2.46 billion. Casino revenue climbed 13 percent. Sales also rose from booking hotel rooms and selling food and drinks, as well as entertainment and retail. But shares of Las Vegas-based MGM Resorts Inter-

national fell \$1.43, or 7.1 percent, to \$18.86 in afternoon trading Thursday.

Excluding one-time items, MGM posted a profit of 2 cents per share, beating Wall Street's expectations, according to FactSet. But John Kempf, a casino industry analyst with RBC Capital Markets, said that its profit margins were weaker than expected. He added that disappointing third-quarter results from MGM competitor Boyd Gaming Corp. on Thursday might have made investors nervous about the sector. Casinos in the U.S. have been slower to recover from the economic downturn, and gambling companies have looked

abroad for growth. Macau, the only place in China where casino gambling is legal, has been the gambling capital of the world since 2006.

The company's MGM China operates the MGM Macau casino-resort and is developing a new Cotai resort. Revenue rose 22 percent to \$808 million for MGM China.

At its U.S. resorts, room revenue rose 5 percent. Las Vegas Strip properties reported a 3 percent rise in revenue per available room. Revenue per available room, or revpar, tracks hotel room rates and how many rooms are booked. It is a key gauge of a lodging operator's performance. □

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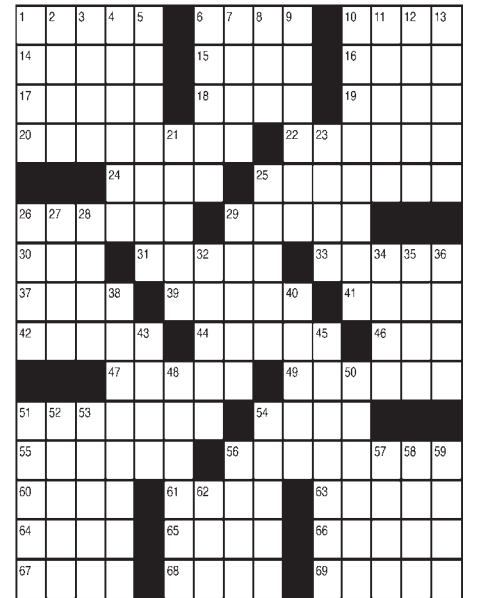
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- 30 Half and half
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- 33 Closes tightly
- 37 Night twinkler
- 39 Grand home
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- 42 Removed an apple's center
- 44 Exhausted
- 46 Pekoe, for one
- 47 Fine fabric for a tablecloth
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- 54 Unable to speak
- 55 Utilizes again
- 56 Bullfighter
- 60 Part of the foot
- 61 "All ___ glitters is not gold"
- 63 Theater part
- 64 Blaze
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- 66 ___ cotta; patio pot material
- 67 Pegs for Els
- 68 As a result
- 69 Look of contempt
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US plans global network of free online courses

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Coursera, a California-based venture that has enrolled 5 million students in its free online courses, on Thursday announced a partnership with the U.S. government to create "learning hubs" around the world where students can go to get Internet access to free courses supplemented by weekly in-person class discussions with local teachers or facilitators.

The learning hubs represent a new stage in the evolution of massive open online courses, or MOOCs, and address two issues: the lack of reliable Internet access in some countries, and the growing conviction that students do better if they can discuss course materials, and meet at least occasionally with a teacher or facilitator.

"Our mission is education for everyone, and we've seen that when we can bring a community of learners together with a facilitator or teacher who can engage the students, it enhances the learning experience and increases the completion rate," said Lila Ibrahim, the president of Coursera. "It will vary with the location and the organization we're working with, but we want to bring in some teacher or facilitator who can be the glue for the class."

Early this year, using courses from Coursera and other online providers, the State Department ran a pilot program, asking embassies and consulates and others in places funded by the United States to open space where people could take free online courses in priority fields, including science and technology subjects, Americana and entrepreneurship.

"Some of them took it above and beyond, and decided to host facilitated discussions with the courses," said Meghann Curtis, the State Department's deputy assistant secretary for academic programs. "Over the summer, when we looked at the success stories, we identified facili-

tated discussions as something that seemed to work." Coursera is joining forces with the State Department's MOOC Camp Initiative, now operating in 40 countries - about half using Coursera courses, and the other half courses from such providers as edX and Open Yale, whose courses are also available free on the Internet. But beyond having its courses used, Coursera is taking an active role in the project.

"We have a list of MOOCs from different providers that we suggest, but Coursera has had a unique interest in working with us to collect the data to understand the learning outcomes from facilitated discussions, and has given us additional materials to give out to the facilitators," Curtis said.

The classes are small, some with only 15 students and none with the hundreds or thousands of students who enroll online.

In a pilot program in Bolivia, Korea and Indonesia, Ibrahim said, the completion rate for those in classes that met for discussion once a week - and provided access to career services, another part of the pilot - was 40 percent, compared with 10 percent of those who worked online only.

For the State Department, Curtis said, the appeal of the MOOCs is that they can be used to reach students anywhere, exposing them

to U.S. universities and college-level discussion, and perhaps spurring a desire to study in the United States. Instruction in the classes is in English, she said, and neither the facilitators nor the MOOC providers are getting paid. Many facilitators are foreign service officers, retired teachers, or those who had a Fulbright or other travel grant.

Both Coursera, the largest MOOC provider, and edX, the nonprofit Harvard-MIT venture that is the second largest, began two years ago by offering wholly online courses, but are now working with universities to offer blended, or hybrid, courses. Both are also working with a growing number of overseas partners, including universities in Australia, Switzerland, China and elsewhere, sometimes with courses offered in languages other than English. In October edX announced that it would be working with the French higher education minister to offer online courses in France, and that its platform had been chosen to power China's new online learning portal, Xuetangx.

Coursera, which has 100 university partners, has developed a network of translators who are making the materials in some courses available in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Kazakh, Portuguese, Russian, Turkish and Ukrainian. □



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Fido's tail wags may reveal more than you think

MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The way Fido wags his tail might reveal more about him than you know. Just ask another dog.

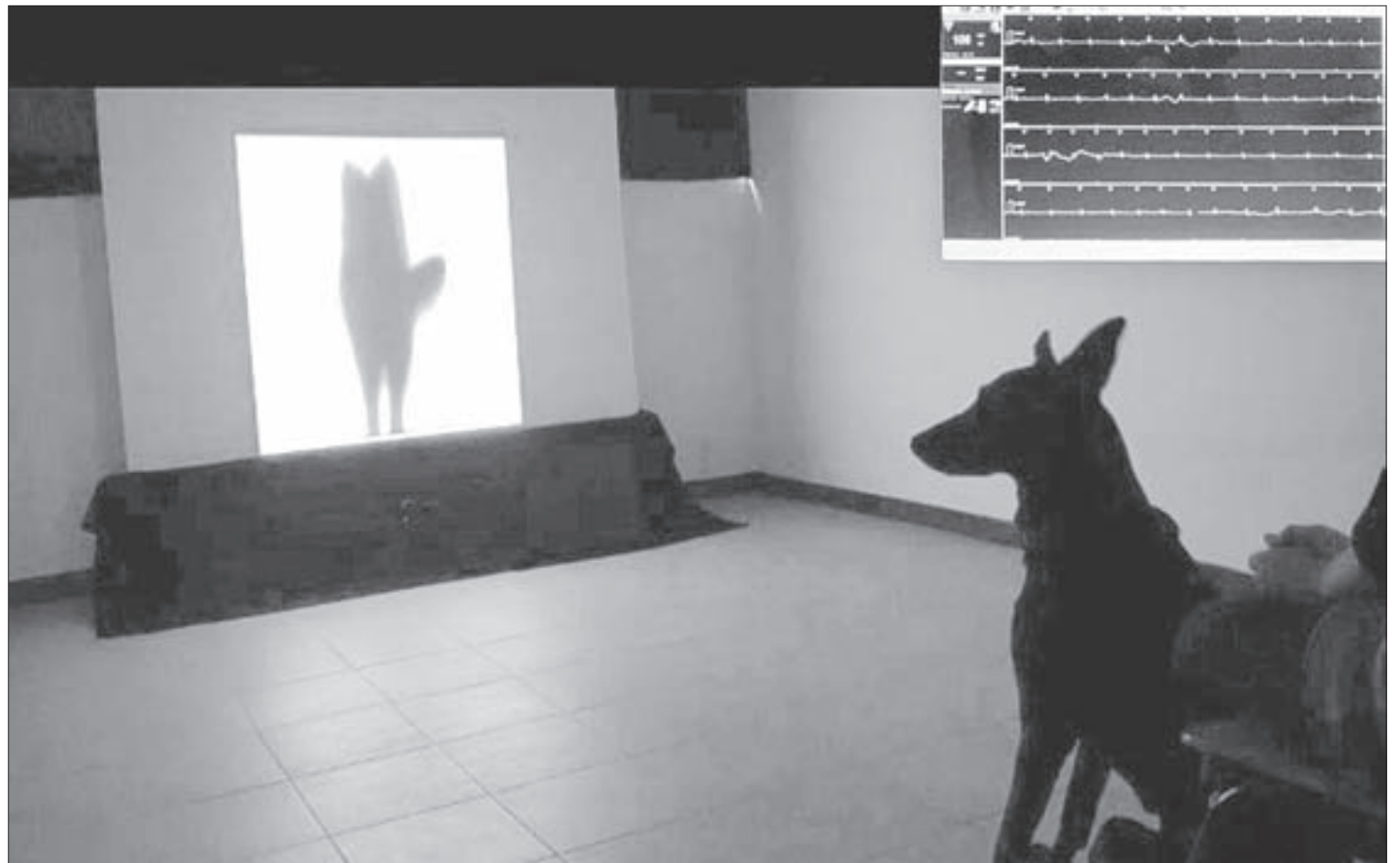
A few years ago, researchers discovered a subtle difference in how dogs wag their tails. When a dog sees something positive, such as its owner, it tends to wag its tail more to its right. The wagging tends to go left when it sees something negative, like an unfamiliar dominant dog.

Now, the same Italian researchers report that other dogs pick up on that difference, and it's reflected in their behavior and even their heart rates. Experts say the tail-wagging difference appears to be one way that dogs gauge how other dogs will respond to them.

"It's just fascinating that dogs pick up on it," said Evan MacLean, co-director of Duke University's Canine Cognition Center. For humans, he said, "it's a difficult thing to see."

MacLean was not involved with the study, reported Thursday in the journal *Current Biology*.

Giorgio Vallortigara of the



In this 2012 image provided by the Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Bari, a dog, bottom right, watches a video of the silhouette of another dog wagging its tail to its left. Associated Press

University of Trento in Italy, an author of the study, said Fido is not deliberately sending a message. Instead, the tail-wagging behavior stems from how different emotional cues activate different parts of the brain, he said in an email. For the experiment,

Vallortigara and co-authors used videos of a dog or its silhouette, wagging its tail mostly to one side or the other, or not wagging at all. They showed the videos to 43 dogs, including such breeds as Rottweilers, beagles, boxers, border collies and German shep-

herds as well as mongrels. When the dog in the video wagged mostly to its left, the sign of a negative response, observer dogs tended to have faster heartbeats than when it wagged the other way or not at all. Their behavior also indicated a higher de-

gree of stress.

Alexandra Horowitz, who studies mental abilities of dogs at Barnard College in New York, said that the wagging difference is probably not a primary signal between Fido and Rover in daily life, but it may play a minor role. □

Earth-size planet found with rocky core like ours

MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

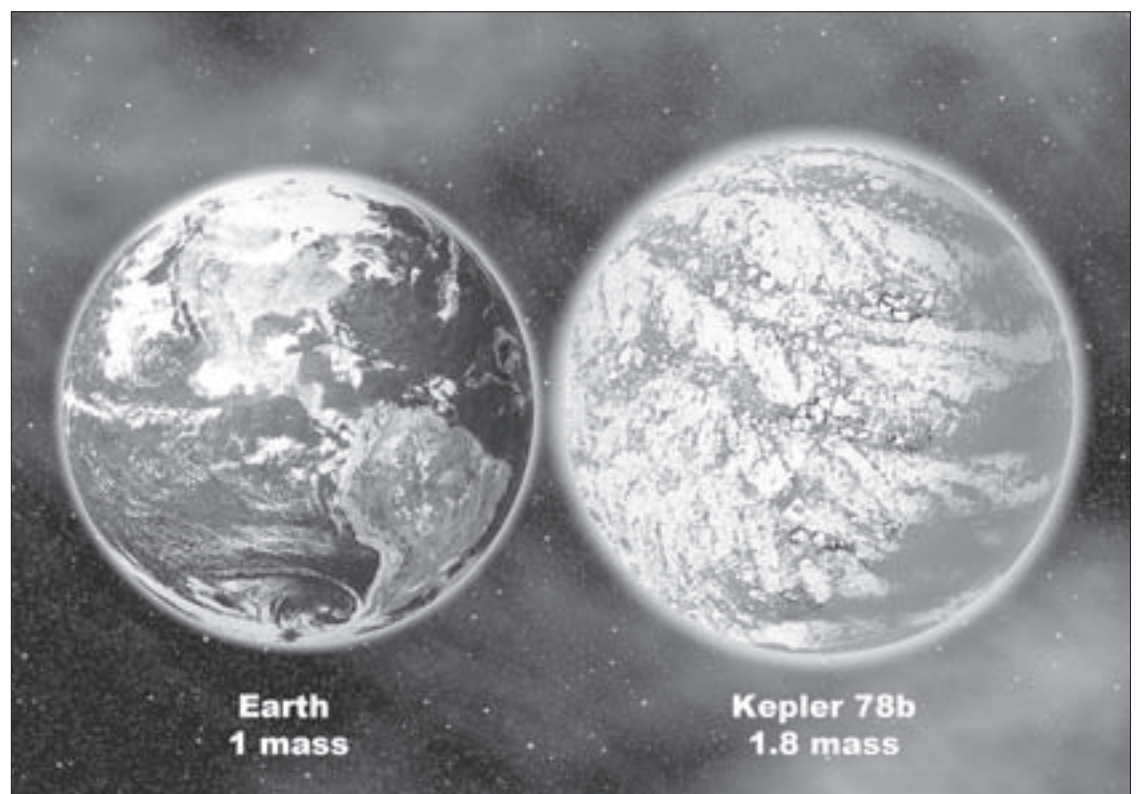
CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — Scientists have found a planet way out in the cosmos that's close in size and content to Earth — an astronomical first.

But this rocky world is so close to its sun that it's almost certainly too hot for life. Astrophysicists reported Wednesday in the journal *Nature* that the exoplanet Kepler-78b appears to be made of rock and iron, just like Earth. They measured the planet's mass to determine its density and content. It's actually a little bigger than Earth and nearly double its mass, or weight. Kepler-78b is located in the Cygnus constellation hundreds of light-years away. Incredibly, it orbits

its sun every 8½ hours, a mystery to astronomers who doubt it could have formed or moved that close to a star. They agree the planet will be sucked up by the sun in a few billion years, so its time remaining, astronomically speaking, is short.

More than 1,000 exoplanets — worlds outside our solar system — have been confirmed so far.

NASA's Kepler Space Telescope, used to discover Kepler-78b, has identified 3,500 more potential candidates. The telescope lost its precise pointing ability earlier this year, and NASA has given up trying to fix it. Scientific teams in the United States and Switzerland used ground observatories to measure Kepler-78b. □



This artist's rendering provided by the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013 shows a comparison between the Earth and planet Kepler 78b which is located in the Cygnus constellation hundreds of light-years away. Associated Press

Sly Stallone likes Karl's 'natural humility'

MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Picking the guy who will play Rocky Balboa onstage was no easy task. Just ask Sylvester Stallone, who helped cast Broadway veteran Andy Karl.

"Having gone through literally hundreds, maybe thousands, of prospects, Andy was one of our first choices and he just had it," Stallone said last month during a sit-down with the actor who will be playing his most famous character. "He has what it takes — there's no arrogance, there's a natural humility about him, and that's what is important," Stallone said.

"No matter how threatening he may look, you're going to like him, it just comes through. And that's not so easy to find. Tough guys are a dime a dozen; a sensitive tough guy, pretty rare."

The musical "Rocky" will

open on Broadway at the Winter Garden Theatre in March 2014. Based on the Oscar-winning 1976 film by Stallone, the musical features a score by "Ragtime" veterans Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens, and a story by Thomas Meehan, who wrote "The Producers" and "Hairspray."

Karl's Broadway credits include "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," "Jersey Boys," "9 to 5," "Legally Blonde," "The Wedding Singer" and "Saturday Night Fever." Margo Seibert, making her Broadway debut, will star as Adrian, Balboa's love interest.

The musical stays close to the film, which charted the rise and romance of amateur boxer and debt collector Rocky Balboa, who gets his shot against undefeated heavyweight champion Apollo Creed.

The film made famous the image of Balboa running up the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of



In this Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013 photo, Sylvester Stallone, left, who played Rocky Balboa in the 1976 film "Rocky," poses with Margo Seibert, center, who will be playing the role of Adrian, and Andy Karl, who will play Rocky Balboa in the upcoming Broadway musical "Rocky," in New York.

Associated Press

Art and the quote "Yo, Adrian!" The trumpet-laden funky theme "Gonna Fly Now" and the anthem "Eye of the Tiger" will be in the Broadway version.

The director is Alex Timbers, who directed Broadway's "The Pee-wee Herman Show" and directed and wrote the book for "Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson."

The boxing choreography is being done by Steven Hoggett, who choreographed "American Idiot," "Peter and the Starcatcher" and "Once." □

Yoko Ono: 'thankful' for McCartney's comments

DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Yoko Ono says she's thankful Paul McCartney appears to have gotten over his grudge against her.

McCartney, in a recent Rolling Stone interview, said he's getting along fine with the widow of John Lennon, his old songwriting partner. The bad feelings had gone back decades, to when the Beatles were falling apart and other group members resented the appearance of Lennon's new girlfriend in the recording studio.

McCartney said that time was a great healer and thought that "if John loved her, there's got to be something. He's not stupid." He said once he decided to let go of his grudge that they've been getting along fine.

Ono, in an interview with

The Associated Press, said Wednesday it was good to hear those words from McCartney and "I'm very thankful."

"I never felt too bad about Paul," she said. "He was my husband's partner and they did a great job and all that. They seemed to have a lot of fun, and I respected that."

Some of the bad feelings had persisted in the post-Beatles years, as Ono was a regular partner in business affairs surrounding the group after Lennon's death in 1980 — perhaps most notably when McCartney expressed a desire to change songwriting credits to "McCartney-Lennon" instead of "Lennon-McCartney" for some of the songs most associated with him.

McCartney told Rolling Stone he admires Ono's work. She's still making and



In a Tuesday, June 18, 2013 file photo, Yoko Ono adjusts her glasses after she joins members of the refugee youth, from a local charity, for a group photo in front of the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus in London.

Associated Press

releasing new music at age 80, like McCartney is at age 71.

Said McCartney: "She's badass."

"Well, he's a rocker," Ono said. □

Mick Jagger says he never hit on Katy Perry at 18

NEW YORK (AP) — In her teenage dream? Mick Jagger says he never hit on Katy Perry when she was 18.

During an interview with an Australian radio show this week, the pop star said she sang backing vocals for Jagger's 2004 song "Old Habits Die Hard." Perry said she had dinner with the veteran rocker and that "he hit on me when I was 18."

In a statement Thursday, a representative for Jagger says he "categorically denies that he has ever made a pass at Katy Perry." The rep adds: "Perhaps she is confusing him with someone else."

Perry was one of the singers to make a guest appearance on the Rolling Stones' tour this year. The 29-year-old singer also said in the



Pop star Katy Perry performs for a morning TV news program in Sydney, Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013. Perry performed to support her new album "PRISM".

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interview that the 70-year-old Jagger has been "very kind" to her. □

Bryan Cranston narrates 'Big History' exploration



Bryan Cranston reads from "The Magiker," by Charles Dennis, in The Caribou Room at Sportsmen's Lodge on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013, in Studio City, Calif. **Associated Press**

FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Bryan Cranston has an authoritative voice, which all by itself would qualify him to narrate "Big History." But there's another reason Cranston is a fine choice for this new docuseries, which pledges to reveal "one grand unified theory" for how every event in history (13.7 billion years of it) is intertwined by science. Cranston, after all, starred in the recently concluded drama "Breaking Bad" as Walter White, the nation's favorite psychotic former high-school chemistry teacher. "Walt was a passionate teacher," Cranston says with a laugh, "and even through the dastardly deeds that he found himself doing later on, he was still a teacher: He taught Jesse the chemistry of cooking meth." "Breaking Bad" is behind him, and now, in Cranston's current TV project, he is as much student as teacher as he confronts each script for the 16-episode-plus-finale series, which premieres Saturday at 10 p.m. EDT on the H2 network (an extension of the History channel). "The series uses science and history to show how various things that we take

for granted these days had their origins thousands of years ago," Cranston says by phone from the Los Angeles studio where he is busy taping his commentary. Two half-hour episodes of "Big History" will air on premiere night. "The Superpower of Salt" reveals its subject to be far more than the thing you cut down on if you have high blood pressure. "New York City wouldn't be the city that it is without salt," Cranston declares in the episode. Moreover, salt helped determine the road system of America and beyond: It "has silently engineered our global map." Salt's all-important role in animal life was demonstrated eons ago by the genesis of the egg, a portable container for salty water that allowed a creature to leave the sea for dry land to procreate there. (Even the amniotic sack in the womb serves as a personal ocean for the fetus, he notes.) The second episode, "Horse Power Revolution," makes clear the noble equine's legacy goes deeper than pulling a plow and toting Paul Revere on his midnight ride. It was early nomads in Central Asia some 6,000 years

ago who first rode horses, Cranston reports. Among many unexpected benefits the horse spurred was pants. Citizens of ancient Rome wore tunics, which were impractical for riding horses, as Roman soldiers must have realized anew while battling barbarian enemies who sported this sartorial innovation. The Roman cavalry soon got on board. From there, pants became the rage for clotheshorses the world over. Prior to the H2 series, Big History began as a course developed to help students better understand the world by revealing "big picture" connections between different fields of study. A free, online version is available online. "I love learning how a moment in history carries through to today's life," says Cranston. Asked what kind of student he was during his school years, he recalls, "I was good when I wanted to be. And I could get enthused about any subject if a teacher made it come alive. "That's what this series does. It describes the relationship we have to our history. It explains how and why this is important to ME. That's what's key!" □



This Oct. 3, 1940 file photo shows British historian and novelist H.G. Wells arriving in New York aboard the ocean liner Scythia. An essay by Wells will be published in the new edition of The Strand Magazine. The Strand's latest publication, which comes out Friday, Nov. 1, 2013, also features a private letter by Wells that he wrote in 1935. **Associated Press**

Rare H.G. Wells writings published in magazine

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NEW YORK (AP) — As Nazi Germany grew ever more dangerous in the 1930s and the Japanese threatened China, science fiction author H.G. Wells wrote up some thoughts about real-life horrors and in 1937 submitted them to a magazine with the widest possible audience, Reader's Digest. "Democracies need not merely freedom to think and talk, but universal information and vigorous mental training," warned the author of "The War of the Worlds," "The Time Machine" and other classics. "Consider China today. An ignorant peaceful population has as much chance of survival now as a blind cow in a jungle." The British author was known worldwide, but his message was apparently too strong for the conservative magazine, which never published the brief essay. Its debut in print comes more than 75 years later, in the holiday edition of The Strand Magazine, which has rediscovered obscure works by Mark Twain, Joseph Heller and many others. "He had a very good relationship with them," Strand managing editor Andrew Gulli says of Reader's Digest, "and they occasionally even reprint-

ed his stuff. But this article about democracy seemed to have rankled them." The Strand's latest publication, which comes out Friday, also features a private letter by Wells that he wrote in 1935. Gulli found the materials among thousands of papers at the Rare Book & Manuscript Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Wells was a socialist and often a pacifist whose fears for the planet's fate were well developed in his fiction. But Gulli says the Reader's Digest piece was an unusually strong nonfiction work, a direct call for action that anticipated the current debate about "failed states" in the Middle East and elsewhere. "Wells was progressive in his views. He belonged to a generation of ardent imperialists, yet his belief was that the great powers should grant their colonies self-determination," Gulli says. "His fear, I think, was that many of these Third World countries would fall prey to demagogues and militia and clerics." In his article for Reader's Digest, Wells finds that too many countries are "half-literate" and "wholly undisciplined." Democracies should build up their militaries, Wells recommends, but he insists that education is the best weapon. □

Meet The Makers



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TENGCHONG, China - I never thought I'd have to come to China for a breath of fresh air.

But that is exactly what I got last week by traveling to the China-Myanmar border area to visit Chinese village schools with the leaders of Teach for All, the network of 32 countries that have adopted the Teach for America model of recruiting highly motivated college graduates to work in their country's most underprivileged schools. What was so refreshing about spending four days with leaders of Teach for Lebanon, Teach for China, Teach for India and all the others was the fact that, since 9/11, I've spent so much time writing about people who are breaking things and so little time covering people who are making things. This was a week with the makers. Indeed, I could not help but remark to Wendy Kopp, the founder of Teach for America and CEO of Teach for All, that Teach for All is "the anti-al-Qaida." It is a loose global network of locally run teams of teachers, who share best practices and target young people in support of a single goal. But while al-Qaida and its affiliates try to inspire and enable young people to be breakers, Teach for All tries to inspire and enable them to be makers. Yes, plenty of terrorists are also well educated, but their ability to resonate and enlist followers diminishes the more people around them have the tools to realize their full potential.

Groups like Teach for China, which hosted the Teach for All network at village schools here, are too new to determine whether they can make a difference in helping their lowest-performing schools succeed. But if raw idealism and willingness to take up the hardest challenges count for anything, you have to be hopeful. Traveling here last week was like spending four days with 32 Malala Yousafzais from 32 nations.

Lu Li, 23, who graduated from the University of South Carolina in May, returned home to teach math as a Teach for China fellow here. It was not easy, she said: "My parents could not understand the choice I made" after getting a degree. "They have never been exposed to this sort of community service. They are kind people, but they don't think it is necessary to go to rural China to do education for two years, and, especially as a girl, my father expects me to marry."

... My father is still struggling to understand my choice. I want to work hard and show him that my choice is right."

Sandeep Rai, 28, is an Indian-American who did Teach for America in Washington, D.C., and then became a leader of Teach for India. "In India, we've had 750 fellows sign up [to teach] this year, and when we started in 2009, people said you will not get anyone to sign up. It is a testament to the power of building things. I think people are waiting to be inspired. National governments have not figured out how to tap into the idealism of young people. I thought that after two years I would be in and out, and eight years later I'm still here."

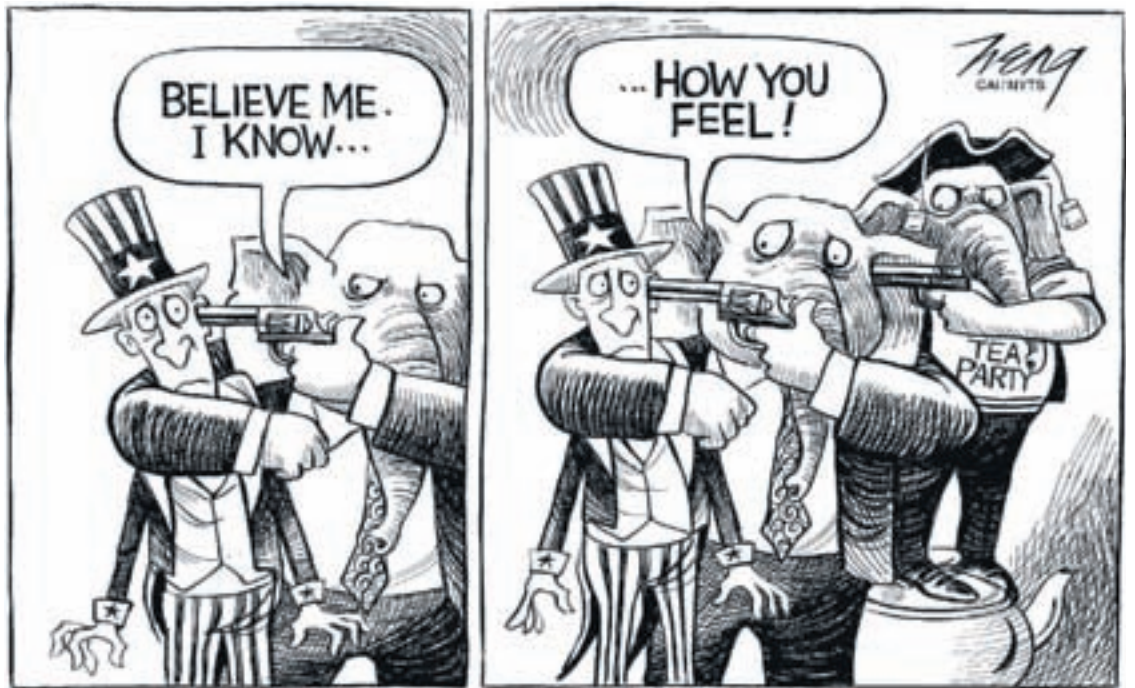
Mohammed Fakhroo, 28, of Teach for Qatar said he started his organization because average students in Qatar are three years behind their peers in industrialized nations. With so much oil and gas money in their country, many Qataris believe they don't need education to be prosperous. "Teachers in the Arab world come from the bottom third of their classes," he explained. "If you weren't smart, you became a teacher. ... Our theory of change is that by getting the smartest in our society - who would [normally] go into the oil and gas sector - to become teachers, they will be the new role models and be advocates for changing the norms" because Qatar will eventually need "a knowledge-based society."

Franco Mosso, 27, the founder of Teach for Peru, EnseñaPerú, told me: "What I see in my own country is a lack of belief" in the potential of the less advantaged people. His group, he explained, is built on the principle of "always pushing the bar higher in believing in people, that they all have potential."

Alden Dilanni-Morton, 24, a Dartmouth graduate, is working as a program manager for Teach for China. She grew up in Chinatown in Boston. "I could have stayed in the U.S.," she said, "but I think there is a huge interest in making educational equity a global question." Issues like the environment, poverty and educational equity need to be thought of as global problems, "because everyone everywhere" will be impacted by them "if they're not addressed."

No one has to tell that to Khalil Youssef, one of the founders of Teach for Lebanon: "It is no coincidence that the most deprived and marginalized regions in Lebanon - and the world - are prone to adopt rejectionist, politically dogmatized, violent politics," he says. "Good education and building high-quality human capital are the sine qua nons for good integration in society and access to a respectable life."

Which is why, concludes Kopp, investing in smart schools and kids pays so many more dividends than smart bombs. Education, she notes, is the only constructive force that's universal and powerful enough to make a difference in reversing the biggest global threats. □



Kaboom: A Dynasty To Duck



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Dick Cheney and Mike Enzi are in a tiff over whether they're fishing buddies or not.

Enzi, the conservative senator from Wyoming who's trying to fend off a carpetbagger challenge from Liz Cheney, is lucky he wasn't hunting buddies with the trigger-happy former vice president.

Then he might not be in the race at all.

One of the best things about the 2008 race was ushering out the incalculably destructive Dick Cheney. Except now, in 2013, he's once more ominously omnipresent. Even blessed with the gift of a stranger's heart, and looking so much healthier, he's still the same nasty bully.

He's trying to bully Enzi in an attempt to help his daughter - who has never held elected office - muscle her way into the Senate by knocking off the popular three-term incumbent Republican.

Showing that bullying runs in the family, Lynne Cheney told old friend and former Republican Wyoming Sen. Alan Simpson to "shut up" in an exchange tied to the contentious campaign, in which Simpson is supporting Enzi. This is one dynasty we want to duck.

Dick Cheney is hawking a book he has written with his cardiologist, Dr. Jonathan Reiner, about his heart transplant at the age of 71. Calling it "a spiritual experience," he told ABC News' George Stephanopoulos: "I wake up every morning literally

with a smile on my face, grateful for another day I never thought I'd see."

Yet even in this blissed-out state, he still can't emulate the respectful restraint of his former partner, George W. Bush. He grabs every opportunity to snarl at President Barack Obama, who is still moping up from the Bush-Cheney misrule, as does his mini-me.

"Obstructing President Obama's policies and his agenda isn't actually obstruction; it's patriotism," Liz said.

Dick Cheney's chutzpah extends to charging the Obama administration with "incompetence" in the Middle East and saying that the president has done "enormous damage" to America's standing around the world.

When Bill O'Reilly asked Cheney on Fox News what "we get out of" the Iraq war, given that "we spent \$1 trillion on this with a lot of pain and suffering on the American military," Cheney repeated his delusion about Saddam's WMD - the imaginary ones - falling into the hands of terrorists: "We eliminated Iraq as a potential source of that."

And, of course, he disdains Obamacare, telling Rush Limbaugh that it's "devastating" - begrudging less well-off and well-connected Americans the lifesaving and costly health care he got on us when he was in the White House.

In his "60 Minutes" interview with Dick Cheney, Sanjay Gupta made it clear that Cheney had gotten special treatment to ascend to the vice presidency, given that he'd already had three heart attacks, the first one at 37. As Gupta noted, the Bush campaign was concerned enough to check with the famed Texas heart surgeon Denton Cooley, who talked to Reiner and then informed the Bush team - with no examination - that Cheney was in "good health with normal cardiac function."

"The normal cardiac function wasn't true," Gupta said to Cheney.

"I'm not responsible for that," replied the man who never takes responsibility for any of his dark deeds. "I don't know what took

place between the doctors."

Four months after being cleared, Cheney suffered his fourth heart attack during the 2000 recount and had to get a stent put in to open a clogged artery.

If the doctors had not signed off on Cheney's heart as "normal," then Cheney would never have been vice president, and Donald Rumsfeld never would have been defense secretary, and Paul Wolfowitz never would have been his deputy, etc., etc. And W. wouldn't have been pushed and diverted into Iraq.

In this alternative scenario, "It's Not a Wonderful Life," where Cheney is not peddling his paranoia, how many Americans would not have lost their lives and limbs?

Gupta also asked the question that even Cheney's Republican pals have puzzled over: Could his heart disease, limiting blood flow to the brain, have affected his judgment on the Iraq invasion and torture? Asked if he had ever worried about that, Cheney said "No."

Speaking to Stephanopoulos, Cheney belittled his daughter's opponent, saying he had never been his fishing buddy and noting that Liz garnered 25 percent of her funds from Wyoming while Enzi only got 13 percent of his from the state. In sparsely populated Wyoming, it's not easy to raise money. And Liz has gotten a lot of help from Daddy's rich friends.

While other Republican elders, from Jeb Bush to John McCain, chided Tea Party lawmakers for vaingloriously and recklessly closing the government, and National Review warned of "perpetual intra-Republican denunciation," Dick Cheney gave the shutdown a shout-out. He knows Liz's best shot is being seen as part of the "new generation" of Tea Partiers rather than a habitual beneficiary of old-fashioned nepotism.

"It's a normal healthy reaction, and the fact that the party is having to adjust to it is positive," he said on the "Today" show about the Tea Party.

You know you're in trouble when Dick Cheney thinks you're a force for good. □

Sidelines are offices of Michigan neurologists

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Most neurologists conduct concussion assessments in the safe, beige-walled, soft-elevator-music confines of a medical office. Their patients are not usually fired up on adrenaline, a 100-piece band is not blaring in the background, and tens of thousands of very partisan fans are not standing and screaming during the exam.

But that is the juiced-up environment surrounding neurologists Jeff Kutcher of Michigan and David Kaufman of Michigan State when they make the football sidelines their avant-garde offices on Saturdays. Both doctors will be at Spartan Stadium on Saturday when the in-state rivals play each other. Most Big Ten squads have consulting neurological specialists, but only Michigan and Michigan State have a neurologist on the field for all home and away games. "Being right there gives a number of advantages, the biggest being I can see what is going on virtually from the moment the injury happens," said Kutcher, who is also the director of Michigan's NeuroSport program. "It's not easy being on the sidelines with everything going on. I've

learned how to concentrate and tune all of that noise and emotion out - it's not easy. I am there as a trained neurologist, not a Michigan fan, to evaluate and expertly interpret a brain in distress."

He added, "What you see on the sidelines looks a lot different than what I would see in the office a few days later."

Despite the increased awareness about concussions, and the Big Ten's own research project with the Ivy League, Michigan and Michigan State's sideline neurological specialists are a rarity within the conference. Big Ten universities were surveyed in October, asking what neurological services, if any, were available at games.

Every football program except Penn State's responded to the query. Indiana has a sideline neurological specialist for home games and, this season, some away games. Nebraska has one at home games, but not on the field.

The other Big Ten teams rely on athletic training staffs and team physicians to assess neurological issues during games.

Kutcher and Kaufman track plays during the game, looking for players who could be concussed. When a potential concus-



Dr. David Kaufman stands on the sideline during a game between Illinois and Michigan State in Champaign, Ill., Oct. 26, 2013. The neurologist, who attends all Spartans games and some practices, says that being able to see players immediately after their injuries were suffered is key to his research.

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sion occurs, the athletic trainers first attend to the player on the field. The neurologists come in, usually in tandem with the team physicians, for a sideline or locker-room assessment.

Athletic directors Mark Hollis of Michigan State and Dave Brandon of Michigan said their decisions to have neurologists on the sidelines were made independently.

"We take the concussion issue really seriously, and we had no idea that Michigan was doing the same thing, so good for them, too," Hollis said in a telephone interview. "On the

field, we don't like Michigan. Off the field, both of our training and medical staffs want the best for our student-athletes. We collaborate a lot, and the fact we're both having neurologists on hand to care for them shows that."

Kutcher started attending home games in a medical capacity in 2009. He added bowl-game duties in 2011 and has been to every game, home and away, since 2012.

Kaufman was at one home game in 2010 and has seen his role grow from all home games in 2011 to every game since 2012.

The neurologists also visit practices two to three days per week, checking on recovering players and observing drills.

They said they get to know the players, see the effects of contact and establish familiarity to build doctor-patient trust.

"I have seen many types of concussions, mild traumatic brain injuries, in many individuals over the years, but you cannot match the wide spectrums you will get until you are on the front line," Kaufman, the chairman of Michigan State's department of neurology, said in a telephone interview. "From an academic perspective, witnessing these manifestations is extremely important to help myself, for research, and

future clinicians that we are training here at Michigan State."

Spartans coach Mark Dantonio views having a neurologist on the sideline as an asset during recruiting, perhaps reassuring parents and potential players.

"Concussion treatment is a relatively new subject matter," Dantonio said in an email. "It's really taken off in the last year. It's definitely something we will talk about in recruiting. We've always highlighted the services our medical staff and trainers provide."

Both doctors maintain independence outside of their athletic departments, stressing their primary roles as professors and practicing neurologists. They both said they were there solely for the neurological needs for athletes at Michigan and Michigan State, and not to make decisions to help teams win.

Both neurologists said they have never had any problems with coaches over their diagnoses.

"Whenever I spend time with coaches in our group meetings or discussions, I remind them that the athletic training staff and doctors do not report to you, they do not work for you and they're not going to listen to you," Michigan's Brandon said. "They are here for our health and safety of our student-athletes. Period." □



Dr. Jeffrey Kutcher, neurologist for the University of Michigan football program, in the team's stadium in Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 30, 2013. The neurologist attends all Wolverines games to aid in the early diagnosis of concussions.

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